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BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

1951

Including the

Fifth Sunday Session, October 29, 1950
Fifth Sunday Session, December 31, 1950
Fifth Sunday Session, April 29, 1951
Fifth Sunday Session, July 29, 1951

and the

SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With

CENTER ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

October 10, 1951

The next Annual Session of the Association will be held with Love's Grove Baptist Church, October 15, 195
Rev. F. W. Naylor will preach the
Annual Sermon
Rev. R. L. Edwards, Alternate

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DELEGATES TO ANNUAL SESSION

ABBOTTSBURG—J. D. McKeithan, Mrs. Neal Averitt, Harold Hood.

BEARD'S CHAPEL—W. S. Norris, Simon Geogainous, Leon Smith.

BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Roberts.

BLADENBORO 1ST—Mrs. B. O. Ward, Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr.

BRIAR BRANCH—Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McDuffie.

BUTTERS—Mrs. Anzie Mercer, Mr. Ross Edwards, Henry Sykes.

CALVARY—D. T. Britt, Marion Britt, Mrs. W. B. Warner.

CENTER ROADS—W. A. Carroll, J. L. Hester, Luther Bryan.

CLARKTON—E. L. Green, Mrs. E. L. Green, Mrs. C. L. Campbell.

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CYPRESS CREEK—Johnnie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Davis.

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GALEED—Spurgeon Frink, Mrs. Spurgeon Frink, Mrs. G. C. Frink.

HICKORY GROVE—M. M. Hester, W. K. Singletary, Seth Lewis.

LAGOON—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ellis, Mrs. Ed Yandle.

LISBON—E. M. Ward, Herbert Sasser, Mrs. S. W. Phillips.

LOVE GROVE—Martin Wilson, Gladwin Priest, Tom Dawson.

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RIVERSIDE—W. K. Evans, E. B. Graham, Mrs. E. B. Graham, Mrs. M. M. Rich.

SANDY GROVE—

SHADY GROVE—Rev. R. M. Walton, Mrs. Della Santee, Mrs. Alton Thompson.

SUGGS GROVE—

TOBERMORY—Nick L. Baker, G. C. Fisher, Mrs. C. E. Simmons.

WEST BLADENBORO—Rev. J. W. Mears, Asa Cain, Bertie Singletary, Ruby Merritt, Wesley Merritt.

WHITE'S CREEK—Paul Taylor, T. B. Harrelson.

WHITE LAKE—Mrs. Eugene Thomas, Mrs. F. R. Bell, Mrs. Robert Atkinson.

WHITE OAK—P. G. Cain, W. F. Naylor.

ZION HILL—P. V. Ellis, Thurman Butler, Dewey Hester.

MEMORIALS

ABBOTTSBURG—Mrs. Dan Lowe.

BETHEL—J. C. Britt, Mrs. Reuben Smith, Mrs. Homer Johnson.

BLADENBORO FIRST—J. G. Freeman (Deacon-Emeritus).

CALVARY—S. D. HARRELSON.

CENTER ROADS—Mrs. Hattie Brisson, Mrs. Blanche Jones.

CLARKTON—Robert S. Meggs, Miss Nettie Lewis, Mrs. J. S. Bradshaw, Waitus McKee, Miss Belle McKee.

COUNCIL—Mrs. F. M. Bridgers.

CYPRESS CREEK—C. T. Page.

ELIZABETHTOWN—E. S. SESSOMS, Mrs. Mary Anna Hunt.

GALEED—Mrs. Caroline Singletary.

HICKORY GROVE—Mrs. Katie Stubbs, Mrs. Eliza K. Pait, Mrs. Alice Bryan.

LOVE GROVE—C. J. Allen, W. F. Davis.

RICHARDSON—Mrs. Beulah Baxley.

SUGGS GROVE—Alford Edge.

TOBERMORY—W. E. Fisher, Mrs. Elma Barfield Inman.

WEST BLADENBORO—Homer Merritt, John Young, Nellie M. Hester.
WHITE'S CREEK—Roy Hayes (Deacon).
WHITE LAKE—W. H. Marshburn.
WHITE OAK—Broadus Tatum.
ZION HILL—James Roy Britt, Sr. (Deacon).

REVISED CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section 2. The object of this association shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel; to emphasize the responsibilities of its membership in relation to Missions, Benevolences, Education and in cooperation with our State and Southern Baptist Convention to increase the intelligence and spiritual power of the people to to promote harmony and fellowship among the churches.

ARTICLE 2—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the affiliated churches, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this association.

Section 2. Each church of 11 members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five lay messengers.

Section 3. Any church desiring affiliation with this association shall be referred to a committee which shall examine its church covenant and its articles of faith and receive its commitment to this constitution. Upon a favorable report of this committee the church shall be received by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 3—ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Section 1. Each church shall send to the annual meetings of the Association a letter (the blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Association), carefully filled as per blank suggestions reporting the full work of the church for the year ending with the last Sunday in September.

Section 2. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years shall be investigated by the officers of the Association and effort be made to reclaim.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent and Associational Baptist Training Union

Director.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the messengers at each annual session, and shall assume their duties at the close of the Associational meeting at which elected and shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting provided no officer nor any other member of the executive committee shall be eligible to succeed himself after third consecutive year.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the body and see that order and decorum are observed by every member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall be fraternal visitation counselor and adviser with the churches regarding their work through the year.

Section 4. The Vice Moderator shall preside in the absence of or at the discretion of the Moderator.

Section 5. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, mail blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association, prepare, publish and distribute the minutes of the Association as soon as practicable after adjournment.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association subject to its order and make written report of same to each Associational meeting.

ARTICLE 5—COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The executive committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association, Associational missionary, and two pastors elected by the Association upon nomination of the committee on nominations. It shall have authority between the regular sessions of the Association, to act for the body in necessary matters, executing the plans and work of the Association in whatever manner may seem advisable, including an Associational mission program. A full report of its work shall be presented annually, with such recommendations as may seem wise. In case of the death or removal of a member, the committee may appoint a successor to act until the next meeting of the body.

Section 2. At last sixty days before the meeting of the Association the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee whose duty it shall be to nominate Associational officers and com mittees except those definitely arranged for in other sections of this article, for the following year; subject to the approval and election of the Association.

Section 3. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint the following committees to report to the session at its convenience:

1. Committee on place and preacher.
2. Committee on resolutions.
3. Auditing committee.
4. Committee on petitionary letters (if needed).

Section 4. The program committee shall be composed of the Exec-

utive committee of the Association. This committee shall meet soon after the annual session of the Association and select those who shall write the reports for the next annual session on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Orphanage, Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Union, Ministerial Relief and Annuity, Hospitals, Woman's Work, Brotherhood, Religious Literature, Temperance and Public Morals and Obituaries, and any other report that the times may demand. This meeting shall be held in time for the appointees and assignments to be printed in the minutes.

Section 5. Other temporary committees that may be created by the Association shall be appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the change be read to the Association during the first session of the annual meeting and voted on at a later session.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may decide.

2. All sessions of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service and closed with a prayer.

3. Representatives from 10 of the affiliated churches shall constitute a quorum.

4. The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session, and shall be changed only by a vote of the body.

5. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

6. A copy of the minutes shall be sent each Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, Secretary of survey and statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

7. The rules for order for the Association shall be those laid down in Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law," but in cases where the meaning may not be clear the Moderator shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Association.

8. The by-laws may be changed at any session by a vote of any majority of the members present.

HISTORICAL TABLE—BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Brown's Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at that meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized Bladen Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of the introduct. Sermon
1	1892	Mt. Pleasant	William Brunt	H. B. Register	W. S. Melvin
2	1893	Cypress Creek	William Brunt	H. B. Register	A. J. Brodax
3	1894	Galeed	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
4	1895	White Oak	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brisson
5	1896	Hickory Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brunt
6	1897	Clarkton	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	C. E. Beard
7	1898	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
8	1899	Frenches Creek	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	E. J. Edwards
9	1900	Mt. Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	W. S. Ballard
10	1901	Garland	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	H. C. Dillard
11	1902	Galeed	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
12	1903	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
13	1904	Shady Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	A. H. Porter
14	1905	White Lake	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	J. S. Farmer
15	1906	Hickory Grove	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	H. B. Humphrey
16	1907	White Oak	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. T. Britt
17	1908	Abbottsburg	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
18	1909	White Lake	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. O. Meeks
19	1910	Mt. Zion	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	A. L. Betts
20	1911	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgepth
21	1912	Bethel	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Fleming
22	1913	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Hester
23	1914	Bladenboro	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
24	1915	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
25	1916	Bethel	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	J. D. Howell
26	1917	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
27	1918	Elizabethtown	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
28	1919	White Oak	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	R. E. Powell
29	1920	Center Road	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	E. O. Johnson
30	1921	Elizabethtown	R. E. Powell	D. B. Johnson	R. E. Powell
31	1922	Hickory Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
32	1923	White Oak	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. D. Pridgen
33	1924	Galeed	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
34	1925	Love's Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
35	1926	Clarkton	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
36	1927	White Oak	R. J. Hester	Seth Lewis	L. E. Dutton
37	1928	White's Creek	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
38	1929	Bladenboro	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
39	1930	Clarkton		Seth Lewis	W. A. Coleman
40	1931	Elizabethtown	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
41	1932	Hickory Grove	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	R. J. Hall
42	1933	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. R. Hinton
43	1934	Abbottsburg	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. A. Paul
44	1935	White Oak	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. C. Hough
45	1936	Tar Heel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	Joel Johnson
46	1937	Sandy Grove	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
47	1938	Center Road	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
48	1939	White Lake	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. B. Horne
49	1940	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	M. O. Alexander
50	1941	Zion Hill	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. H. Canady
51	1942	White's Creek	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	R. F. Marshburn
52	1943	Galeed	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	S. R. Goodman
53	1944	Clarkton	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	B. H. Laughridge
54	1945	Hickory Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. S. Smith
55	1946	Bladenboro	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. D. Frazier
56	1947	Cypress Creek	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. P. Stevens
57	1948	Shady Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. P. Burchett
58	1949	Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	B. W. Howell
59	1950	Lisbon	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	John A. Moore
60	1951	Center Roads	C. D. Brisson	R. A. Britt	J. B. Dosher

TO REPORT AT 1952 ANNUAL SESSION

State Missions ..... John A. Moore
Home Missions ..... R. L. Edwards
Foreign Missions ..... F. W. Naylor
Christian Education ..... A. D. Frazier
Orphanage ..... R. G. Kinlaw
Sunday School ..... Roger Johnson
Training Union ..... R. L. Edwards
Relief and Annuity ..... W. W. Woodhouse
Hospital ..... D. T. Britt
W. M. U. Work ..... W. M. U. Superintendent
Temperance and Public Morals ..... R. C. Bridger
Religious Literature ..... R. A. Britt
Associational Missions ..... Mrs. R. J. Hall
Brotherhood ..... J. E. Kinlaw
Memorials ..... Fred Nance
60 Years Co-operation ..... John A. Moore

CLARKTON CHURCH

The Fifth Session Meeting was held with Clarkton Baptist Church on October 29, 1950 at 10:00 A.M., with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding. Hymn, "All Hail the Power" was sung by the congregation. C. E. Evans, Superintendent of Clarkton Sunday School gave the devotional which was taken from Psalm 19.

There was a roll call of churches by the clerk, R. A. Britt. Visitors were recognized, R. A. Stankywtch, Robeson Association; Dan Britt, Columbus Association.

The Committee on Place was appointed, consisting of Seth Lewis, Luther Bryan, and Clarence Fisher.

A special offering was taken, amount $26.06.

The Sunday School Lesson was taught by Harold Hood, Abbottsburg Church. The topic was "Christian Living." The congregation joined in singing "Take My Life and Let It Be."

The following topics were discussed: "Earning Money Righteously," James Campbell; "Spending Money Wisely," Miss Maxie Henderson; "Giving Money Freely," Miss Marion Britt; "Saving Money Safely," Theron Pait. The congregation joined in singing, "Trust, Try, and Prove Me."

Rev. R. A. Stankywtch, Pastor of Hickory Grove Church, brought the sermon with the subject, "We Are Bought With

a Price," taken from scriptures First Corinthians 6:20.

The meeting adjourned for lunch, resuming at 1:45 with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson presiding. Hymn, "Revive Us Again" was sung by the congregation. The afternoon devotional was conducted by Wiley Jones Green.

W. W. Woodhouse, Past Moderator, highly recommended the present moderator to the Association as a loyal Baptist and a good servant.

On second roll call all churches were represented except three.

Hymn, "Send the Light," was sung.

The 1951 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade was presented by the Rev. A. D. Frazier. The following committees were appointed for the Crusade: Prayer: Rev. A. D. Frazier; Finance: Rev. Charles P. Burchette, Jr.; Census: Mrs. R. J. Hall; Publicity: Rev. John A. Moore.

Rev. John A. Moore introduced John T. Biddle of Columbus Association who spoke in response to the reports on the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. The urgent need of the Crusade was placed on the hearts of the messengers.

Hymn, "Jesus Saves," by congregation.

The report of the committee on place for the next session December 31, 1950 to be held at Hickory Grove.

"What Is M Night," was discussed by Rev. John A. Moore.

Associational Mass Meeting was announced to be held at the Elizabethtown Church December 4, 1950.

A vote of thanks was extended to Clarkton Church for their generous hospitality. The vote was taken by Porter Cain.

Rev. A. D. Frazier, Mrs. R. J. Hall were appointed to arrange program for Fifth Sunday Session on December 31, 1950.

Mrs. R. J. Hall spoke briefly on "Tithers Enlistment."

The closing hymn was "God Be With You," and the meeting was adjourned.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
R. A. Britt, Clerk

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with Hickory Grove Baptist Church on December 31, 1950, commencing at 10:00 A.M. with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding. The

congregation joined in singing "Blessed Assurance." The devotional was given by Roy Hester. The devotional was taken from John 15. A prayer was made for World Peace by Rev. A. D. Frazier.

Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life," by congregation. Address of welcome was given by Seth Lewis.

Roll call of churches by the clerk, R. A. Britt. Seventeen churches were represented. The moderator appointed a committee on Place, E. M. Ward, Chairman, Willie Nance, Lawrence Johnson. The Sunday School Lesson was taught by W. W. Woodhouse. The subject of the lesson was "Fellowship With Christ."

"Evangelistic Crusade by Baptist East of the Mississippi River Step by Step," was given by the Rev. A. D. Frazier. Plans for the religious Census was given by Mrs. R. J. Hall. Solo, "The Lord's Prayer," by Louis Vaught.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. D. M. Clemmons, "Equipment For the Evangelistic Crusade."

The meeting was adjourned for lunch, resuming at 1:45 with the moderator, C. D. Brisson presiding and the congregation sang, "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

The afternoon devotional was given by the Rev. R. A. Stankywtch, Pastor of Hickory Grove Church.

The Rev. F. W. Naylor discussed "The Pastor and Evangelism." The subject was taken from Mark 16:9-15.

A message was given on "Missions," by Chaplain, L. W. Cain.

The committee on Place reported the Fifth Sunday Session to be held April 29, 1951 would meet with Richardson Baptist Church.

A quarterly report was made by the Treasurer.

W. W. Woodhouse announced the benediction.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
R. A. Britt, Clerk

RICHARDSON CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with Richardson Baptist Church on April 29, 1951, commencing at 10:00 A.M. with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding. The congregation joined in singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." The devotional was given by W. J. Green. The devotional was taken from First Peter 3:15.

There was a roll call of churches by the Clerk, R. A.

Britt, with seventeen churches present, a total of 105 delegates. Fred Nance and S. A. Bedsole were appointed by the Moderator as a committee on Place and Preacher for the next session.

Hymn, "At the Cross," by the congregation. The Sunday School Lesson was taught by Roger Johnson of Bladenboro. The subject was "The Settlement of the Israelites in Their Home Land Canna."

Rev. H. B. Bennett discussed "What Baptist Believe."

Rev. R. M. Walton discussed "Baptism."

Rev. Gaston Hester discussed "The Lord's Supper."

Richard K. Redwine, Director of Caswell Baptist Assembly, was presented by the Moderator C. D. Brisson.

The Association was invited by Mr. Redwine to make plans to spend at least one week-end at Caswell Assembly this summer. The congregation joined in singing "Blessed Assurance."

The sermon was preached by Rev. John A. Moore. "Regeneration and Sanctification" was the subject taken from Matthew 19:28; John 3; Acts 20:21; Romans 3:20-24.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch, resuming at 1:45 with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding. Congregation joined in singing, "How Firm a Foundation." The singing was led by Mrs. C. A. Priest.

Mrs. J. H. Elmore of Bladenboro led the devotional, reading II Cor. 9:7.

Rev. C. P. Burchette, Jr., gave a very timely address on the "Basic Principles of Baptist Teachings."

A very interesting talk on the "Desecration of the Sabbath" was given by the Rev. C. W. Bazemore, Raleigh, N. C. His scripture was taken from Exodus 34.

The Rev. Everette Benard of the Baptist Hospital talked on "Healing."

The report of the Simultaneous Crusade revealed that there were a total of 54 by letter, 133 by Baptism, and 17 rededications.

The committee on Place reported that Sandy Grove had invited the session to meet with them the Fifth Sunday in July, 1951.

The invitation to Caswell Baptist Assembly by R. K. Redwine was discussed. Mrs. R. C. Bridger made a motion that Mrs. R. J. Hall, Mrs. Worth Warner with the moder-

ator to work out the details of the plans to go to Caswell Friday before the third Sunday in July. Rev. Naylor of White Oak dismissed the session with prayer.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
R. A. Britt, Clerk

SANDY GROVE CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with Sandy Grove Baptist Church on July 29, 1951 commencing at 10:00 A.M. with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding. The congregation joined in singing "Break Thou the Bread of Life," and the devotional was given by Rev. L. S. Lingle, taken from Deut. 4:7-11.

The clerk, R. A. Britt, had the roll call of churches. Nineteen churches were represented.

Mrs. R. J. Hall announced the program at Caswell for the remainder of the year. The following committee on Place was appointed by the Moderator: Ross Edwards, Wright Shaw, and Joseph Hester.

The Sunday School Lesson was taught by Ross Edwards of the Butters Baptist Church. Special music was rendered by Miss Linda Peterson, Zion Hill Church, "Thy Will Be Done In Me."

Two minute talks were as follows: "Evangelism, Rev. C. D. Cooper; "Enlargement," J. E. Kinlaw; "Cradle Roll," Mrs. Horace Taylor; "Beginners," Mrs. Thermon Buttler; "Juniors," Mrs. Leo Buie; "Young People," Mrs. S. W. Phillips.

The clerk made a financial report of $158.37 in Bank.

Hymn "Holy Bible, Book Divine," by congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Hayes, Superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., Winston-Salem, N. C. The scripture reading was taken from Matt. 16:19-20. The subject was "My Church."

The congregation was invited by the Rev. Gaston Hester to have lunch on the grounds.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Mrs. R. J. Hall, Scripture reading Matt. 5:1-12. Special Music was rendered by Miss Carrie Inman, "I Shall Not Pass Again This Way."

Prayer by Rev. E. S. Lingle.

Report of W. M. U. Work from each church in the asso-

ciation was given by Mrs. R. J. Hall.

"Teaching Through Forward Steps" was given by Mrs. B. O. Ward.

The committee on Place reported that the next session would meet with White Lake September 3, 1951.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by W. W. Woodhouse.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
R. A. Britt, Clerk

WHITE LAKE CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with White Lake Baptist Church on September 30, 1951 commencing at 10:00 A.M. with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding.

Roll call of churches by the clerk, R. A. Britt. Twenty churches were represented with 78 delegates. D. A. Marshburn, E. M. Woodlief, Sidney Bedsole were appointed by the moderator as a committee on Place for the next Fifth Sunday Session.

A letter was read by the clerk from Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr., announcing the purchasing of a duplicating machine by the Bladen W. M. U. to be used by the Associational workers, this machine to become the property of the Bladen Baptist Association.

Mrs. R. C. Bridger explained to the Association of the purchase of the appliance for the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc. This appliance was a deep freeze to be used at the Institution.

The Associational Training Union program was discussed by Mrs. R. J. Hall. Much progress in B. T. U. has been made in the past year. Congregation joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." A very interesting message was brought by the Rev. J. W. Meares, Jr., on "The Value of Training Union for Young People." The Sunday School Lesson was taught by W. W. Woodhouse. Congregation joined in singing, "Send the Light."

Rev. Guy Helms of Charlotte brought a most inspiring message on "Christian Wisdom."

Lunch was served on the grounds.

The meeting resumed at 1:45 with Rev. Bert Bennett conducting the devotional. "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" was sung by the congregation.

Mrs. F. W. Naylor gave a report on Vacation Bible

School.

Special music was rendered by a group from White Oak Church led by F. L. Tatum.

Baptist Brotherhood was presented to the Association by Rev. F. W. Naylor, Pastor of White Oak Church.

Special music was rendered by a trio from Lumberton led by Rev. J. W. Meares.

Congregation joined in singing "Jesus Saves."

The Place committee reported that the next session would meet with Abbottsburg Church December 30, 1951.

Treasurer, R. A. Britt, reported that $52.65 above the needed amount of $288.00 had been turned in for the final payment on the deep freeze presented to North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., by the churches in the Bladen Baptist Association.

Rev. A. D. Frazier, Pastor of the Elizabethtown Baptist Church, made a motion that the surplus be included in the check for final payment, this amount to be used by the Institution as it so desired. The motion was carried.

Congregation joined in singing "Bless Be the Tie." Prayer was made by Rev. A. D. Frazier. The meeting adjourned.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
R. A. Britt, Clerk

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SESSION

The Sixtieth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, at the Center Roads Baptist Church on October 10, 1951, at 10:00 A.M.

After the opening hymn, "O Worship the King," the devotional was given by Rev. Bert Bennett.

W. W. Woodhouse presented a gavel to the Association. This gavel was made by Rev. John A. Moore, Pastor of the Clarkton Baptist Church. The timbers used in the making of this gavel came from the old Mt. Pleasant building (Lisbon) which was erected in the year 1872. The old building was abandoned in 1948 when the Lisbon Church had erected a new building in accordance with the Baptist Sunday School Board design.

The moderator announced the following committees that

had been nominated by the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Session: Nominating Committee: F. T. Nance, Clayton Taylor, J. E. Kinlaw; Committee on Order of Business: Mrs. R. J. Hall, Rev. A. D. Frazier, W. W. Woodhouse; Committee on Place and Preacher: Leon Smith, James Wilson, S. W. Phillips; Committee on Resolutions: Rev. John A. Moore, Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr., Luther Brisson; Auditing Committee: Miss Marion Britt, Theron Pait, P. G. Bullard; Committee on Petitionary Letters: W. W. Woodhouse, E. L. Green, Seth Lewis.

The roll call was made by the clerk, R. A. Britt, and 21 churches out of the 28 were represented, with a total of 97 messengers present.

Rev. J. M. Hayes, Superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., presented the Home to the Association. A motion was made and carried to incorporate report in the minutes.

Rev. R. M. Walton stated that the State Missions report would be mailed in to the clerk.

The report on Home Missions was made by Rev. A. P. Stephens and was adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was made by Rev. A. D. Frazier and was adopted.

Dr. Henry E. Walden of the North Carolina State Missions brought the Association an explanatory message as to the mission work being done by North Carolina Baptist.

The report on Christian Education was made by J. E. Kinlaw and was adopted. Claude F. Gaddy, Secretary of Christian Education for North Carolina Baptist, brought an inspiring message on Christian Education and its future.

Dr. Lesley Campbell, President of Campbell College, brought greetings from Campbell College, making an appeal to our continued support of Christian Education.

The Sunday School report was made by P. G. Cain and was adopted. Nathan Brooks, Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Division, brought a very realistic explanation as to what the Sunday School plans to do in and for the church and its Sunday School.

The Training Union Report was made by Rev. John A. Moore and was adopted.

The W. M. U. report was made by Mrs. J. H. McLaney and was adopted.

The Brotherhood Report was made by J. W. Meares and

was adopted.

The congregation joined in singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Rev. J. B. Dosher preached the annual sermon. The subject was "One World, One Book, One Savior." The scripture reading was taken from Gen. 1:26; II Peter; II Timothy 3:16-17; Acts 4.

W. W. Woodhouse led in prayer.

Due to rainy weather arrangements were made for lunch to be served in the building. Thanks was given for lunch by Dr. W. K. McGee.

The afternoon session was called to order by the Moderator, C. D. Brisson. The congregation joined in singing "The Kingdom Is Coming." The devotional was conducted by Rev. R. L. Edwards.

The report from the Baptist Orphanage was made by S. W. Phillips and was adopted. E. C. Wilkie spoke in response to the report making it clear why Christians need to support a home for homeless children.

The Hospital Report was made by D. T. Britt and was adopted. Dr. W. K. McGee, Head of the School of Religion, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, spoke in response to the report bringing greetings from the Board of Trustees, and brought a short message on Christian hospitalization and the great need for the 150-bed wing that is now under construction.

Hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," congregation.

The report on Religious Literature was made by Rev. B. W. Howell and was adopted.

The report on Temperance and Public Morals was made by Leon D. Smith and was adopted.

The report on Relief and Annuity was made by Rev. D. M. Clemmons and was adopted.

The report on Associational Missions was made by Mrs. R. J. Hall and was adopted.

Report on 60 years cooperation by John A. Moore by motion and vote carried over to the annual session of 1952.

The committee on Resolutions made the following report: (1) That we express our appreciation to the program committee for the orderly and comprehensive program which has blessed and inspired us today, and to the representatives of our denominational agencies who have made

such an important contribution to this meeting. (2) That we express our appreciation to Center Roads Baptist Church for their excellent entertainment and for the abundant dinner which was so efficiently served in spite of the inclement weather. (3) That Bladen Association encourage its member churches to take a special offering during this year for "Resthaven," our old people's home at Winston-Salem, since this Institution is not otherwise provided for. (4) That Bladen Association elect a man to serve as Associational Baptist Brotherhood President and give him all possible assistance and cooperation in the organization of the men of Bladen Association into local church brotherhoods and an Associational organization (5) That the program committee be authorized to plan a program for a two-day session next year because of the impossibility of giving adequate time to all of our writers and speakers in a one-day session. That the two sessions be held in two different churches. That the sermon on the second day be a doctrinal sermon.

The resolutions were accepted by the Association with the exception of Resolution No. 5, and a motion was made by Rev. D. M. Clemmons to refer Resolution No. 5 to the Executive Committee for further consideration. The motion was carried.

The Nominating Committee made the following report: Moderator, C. D. Brisson; Vice Moderator, Luther Brisson; Clerk, Treasurer, Leon D. Smith; Associational Sunday School Superintendent, T. E. Guyton; Associational B. T. U. Superintendent, Theron Pait; Executive Committee, Rev. Furnie Naylor and Rev. John A. Moore.

A motion was made and carried that the names presented be elected for the year 1951-1952.

The Auditing Committee made the following report: Received for minute fund $149.02; Balance in Bank $140.75; Total $289.77. The report was adopted.

The Petitionary Letter Committee recommended that Dublin First Baptist Church and Council Baptist Church be received into the Association. Upon recommendation a motion was made that they be received into the Association and motion was carried.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended the following: Place: Love Grove Baptist Church, Tar Heel; Preacher: Rev. F. W. Naylor; Alternate Preacher: Rev.

R. L. Edwards. Upon recommendations, a motion was made to accept the recommendations and motion was carried.

The Clerk and Treasurer made the financial report to the Association.

Rev. F. W. Naylor was nominated and elected Brotherhood President.

The Right Hand of Christian Fellowship was extended to Dublin First Baptist Church and Council Baptist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with the congregation singing, "Bless Be the Tie," and the benediction by W. W. Woodhouse.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
R. A. Britt, Clerk

FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS FROM INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES, BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM OCTOBER, 1950 TO OCTOBER, 1951

Name of Church	Missionary Funds.	Minute Funds 1951	No. of Minutes Wanted
Abbottsburg	$ 65.00	$ 6.00	12
Beard's Chapel	10.00	13.14	
Bethel	75.00	17.52	12
Bladenboro 1st	400.00	——	15
Briar Branch	——	7.30	8
Butters	——	3.65	—
Calvary	17.50	3.65	10
Center Roads	30.00	10.95	10
Clarkton	126.06	9.95	10
Cypress Creek	25.00	7.30	10
Elizabethtown	250.00	18.25	
Galeed	50.00	——	
Hickory Grove	50.71	14.60	12
Lagoon	——	1.65	1
Lisbon	40.00	10.95	10
Nat Moore	——	4.38	3
Richardson	12.31	3.65	
Riverside	25.00	8.76	
Sandy Grove	46.50	10.95	8
Shady Grove	15.00	8.76	5
Sugg's Grove	——	7.30	2

Tar Heel	151.63	14.60	
Tobemory	——	7.30	5
West Bladenboro	125.18	5.84	6
White's Creek	50.00	——	10
White Lake	——	8.76	10
White Oak	75.00	10.00	8
Zion Hill	100.00	14.60	
Total	$1,739.89	$215.21	

Balance on Hand October 11, 1950	$ 219.15
1950 Minute Funds, Received at Annual Session	215.21
Missionary Funds	1,739.89
N. C. Baptist State Convention	960.00
Bladen W. M. U.	497.84
Grand Total Received	$3,632.09

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mrs. R. J. Hall, Field Worker	$2,291.66
Clerk Fee	80.00
1951 Minutes	250.00
Rest Haven	472.84
Mimeograph Machine	25.00
Postage	7.82
Transferred to New Clerk	504.77
Total Disbursements	$3,632.09

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. BRITT, Clerk and Treasurer

STATEMENT FOR REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist State Convention in its November, 1950, session authorized the committee on the Home for the Aging to make plans for the opening and operation of our Home for the Aging as soon as the committee might find a way to meet the cost of equipping and operating. Because of the drive to raise money for the construction of the new wing to the Baptist Hospital, the Convention instructed the committee for the Home not to expect direct help from the Baptist State Convention during the year 1951.

On January 9, the committee on the Home elected Rev. James M. Hayes, pastor of North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, superintendent of the Home, and Miss Edna Heinzerling, director of Nurses of the Baptist Hospital, to serve as supervisor of our Home. The committee decided to open the Home for residents when sufficient funds became available to begin.

There are many evidences of the Lord's favor upon the Home thus far. In the first place, He led in making a home immediately available. Ten years ago the trustees of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College leased a three-story, brick-constructed, fireproof building, with an elevator, for a period of 25 years for $1.00 a year. The committee on the Home was able to secure this building for 15 years at the same rental price. The building accommodates 20 residents at present. The top floor, if completed, would give space for 16 additional residents. The completion of this floor would cost approximately $23,000. With more than 100 applications for admission already received, and inquiries coming almost daily, one can easily see the pressing need of more space.

The Home has been greatly helped by the gifts received — furniture, office equipment, heating system, blankets, linens, towels, and many other items, as well as discounts on supplies necessary to be purchased. Although the Home has been operating only since March 16, yet it now has assets approximating $50,000, and is not operating in the red.

Our residents range in age from 67 to 91 years, and come from widely scattered sections of North Carolina—from Franklin to Elizabeth City—the mountains to the sea. Regardless of the sections from which they come, they are

a happy, congenial family, all rejoicing in the opportunity to live in the Home. The attitude of all the residents is well expressed in the brief statements of Miss Bertha Callaway, former matron of Mills Home Orphanage: "I like this good Christian home"; and of Mrs. Carroll: "I wouldn't exchange it for any other."

The Home offers four things to those who come to live there: security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. With this sort of program, North Carolina Baptists can add years to life, and life to years for those who reside in our Baptist Home for the Aging.

One donor said when he sent his check to the Home: "I believe in this practical kind of Christianity. North Carolina Baptists have waited too long to begin it." Surely it is practical, for Jesus said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The committee on the Home has challenged North Carolina Baptists to build a home adequate to meet the need of the increasing number of old people from 65 years up. Their program calls for a million dollar plant, which would accommodate 270 residents. With the Lord leading and North Carolina Baptists cooperating, such a plant should be built and in operation within a few years.

"Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not" (Psalm 71:18).

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Hayes, Supt.

STATE MISSIONS FOR 1951

The goal and objective of State Missions may be stated thus:

"NORTH CAROLINA MUST BE CHRISTIAN."

In many places one observes that what was predicted some fifty years ago, namely, "Coldness within and iniquity without," has come to pass. This is not to say that there is not also a lot of iniquity within. It is the overall purpose of State Missions, working through churches, Sunday schools, young people, to prevent such a thing happening. A sort of creeping paralysis has already taken the northern part of our country in particular. The same thing will happen here unless as Christians we are alert.

In order to accomplish this overall purpose the State Mission program embraces many activities, and these may be stated as follows:

S Sunday School Work
T Training Union Work
A Assemblies
T Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio, Etc.)
E Evangelism (City and Association-wide Revivals)

M New and Needy Churches
I Work Among the Indians
S Schools for Ministers
S Work Among Silent People
I Interracial Activities
O Other Activities — Allied Church League, Etc.
N Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches)
S Student Work Among 15,000 Baptist Students

Renewed emphasis is being given to work among the rural churches. A significant statement was made recently to this effect: In a period of three generations, or about one hundred years, it is likely that 1,000 people living in the country will have six times as many descendants as the same number of people living in the larger cities. This certainly is one of the reasons why the Catholics, who in the past have centered their activities in the cities, are now moving into the rural areas. Baptists now compose about one-half of the total church population. If we are wise everything possible must be done to build great country churches.

State Missions has many pressing needs but perhaps the most pressing right now is some $50,000 with which to buy lots where new churches should be established and another $50,000 above what is now being received for State Missions with which to supplement the salaries of pastors to minister to the churches and thus get the work going.

Let it be remembered that State Missions is not just *one object,* but is a program of some eighteen activities. A special offering during September and October of $150,000 is perhaps the greatest need of our North Carolina Baptist Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie M. Walton.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board is one hundred and six years old. Eternity alone can reveal the value of its work. In these one hundred and six years, it has employed 48,134 Missionaries for one year, or one Missionary for 48,134 years. The Home Mission Board, in its last report to the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco last year, revealed that one profession of faith had been reported for every $34.97 spent.

The territory of the Home Mission Board extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, including the great western States of California, Oregon and Washington. To the north, the work of the Board covers Alaska and to the South, Cuba. The great western States constitute one of the greatest challenges the Home Mission Board has ever faced. The fields are indeed ripe unto the harvest in the far west.

The Board is working amongst the French, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Negroes, and Jews. It is estimated that there are more than 10 million foreigners within the territory of the Home Mission Board. Then, too, the Board operates Goodwill Centers and Rescue Missions in several of the larger cities.

The Home Mission Board at the present time employs 1,025 workers. Last year these workers reported 32,600 conversions. Such reports thrill our hearts.

Other phases of the work done by the Home Mission Board include: seven workers with the deaf within our Convention. There are about 75,000 deaf within the bounds of our Convention. Last year, 7,457 conversions were reported by these workers, with 324 revivals held. Then we have two Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo, working with the migrants—the "people on the road." It is estimated that there are a million "people on the road" in the territory of our Southern Baptist Convention. These are the people who live in trailers, tents, and shacks. There were 259 chaplains from our Southern Baptist Convention churches in the different branches of our armed forces when the last report was made in San Francisco. That number has increased at this writing.

The Home Mission Board has had a glorious history throughout her one hundred and six years. This Board

deserves the support and cooperation of every Southern Baptist.

Respectfully submitted,
A. P. Stephens

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The motive in missions is indicated in the words of Jesus, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10.

The impetus for missions is a command by our Lord himself, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 29:18-18.

The appeal of missions is suggested in the words of Paul, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Acts 16:9.

The obligation for missions is indicated in the words of the Hebrew Paul, "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish." Romans 1:14.

And the rugged truth of all these has been summed up in the conclusion of Spurgeon, "It is not a question of being missionary or anti-missionary, it is a question of whether or not we have been saved if we are not missionary." To this end therefore are the efforts of some seven million Southern Baptists, with this astonishing result:

December 1950: 111 new missionaries, the largest number ever apponted in a single year, making a total of 803.

January 1951: Dr. W. L. Wallace, Medical Missionary imprisoned by Chinese Communists, is still being held. The hospital sends food to him each day, but friends are not allowed to see him. 12 of the 16 Southern Baptist Missionaries have applied for exit permits.

February 10, 1951: When food was sent to the prison for Dr. Wallace, the guard said, "You need not bring it any more. He is dead." (*The Commission,* July, 1951). Two days later Miss Everley Hayes, the Board's missionary nurse in Stout Memorial Hospital, was given permission to go and get the body. Word came out that eight soldiers accompanied her and the casket to the cemetery where, without allowing it to be opened, Dr. Wallace was buried.

April 1951: April appointees included several ex-service men—a fighter pilot from the China-Burma theater, a

fighter pilot in Japan, and a soldier who was studying Japanese to become an interpreter. The greatest single advance has been in Japan where we now have 74 missionaries. In 1947 there were 15 churches, 14 pastors and less than 1,000 Baptist church members. Today there are 37 churches, 76 mission points and 40 pastors and more than 4,200 members.

Missionary Frank H. Connely estimates that less than 10% of the Chinese people are sympathetic towards Communism. NOW WE HAVE NO MISSIONARIES IN CHINA. They have been re-assigned to Formosa, The Phillipines, Malaya, Indonesia, and Thailand.

In Latin America our Foreign Mission Board supports 334 missionaries in 13 Latin American Republics serving 62 cities. However all the news south of the border is not good. Pastor Nicodemo Jeronimo, a Baptist Minister, was ambushed and shot to death by a fanatical mob at Arroyo Zarco, a state of Mexico on July 5. The state has promised an investigation.

If the above facts say anything they say this:

1. There are yet some people who do not understand the nature and purpose of Christian Missions, (The Communists and other enemies) or who do understand and are determined to prevent its spread.

2. That there are multitudes right here at home whose understanding of Christian Missions is even less.

3. What can I do?

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious
And all thou spendest, Jesus will repay."

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Frazier

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO THE BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Baptist of North Carolina are now helping to support the following educational institutions: Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate and Chowan Colleges, and the School of Nursing of the Baptist Hospital. These colleges have a net worth of more than $15,000,000.00 and this amount is growing. Recently Wake Forest College was remembered in the will of the

late Mr. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, in the amount of $1,000,000.00. All of these Colleges are owned by the Baptist State Convention. In these Colleges last year, there was an enrollment of some 5,000. In a survey, I find that there were nine students enrolled last year from the Bladen Association. Last year, Wake Forest conferred a total of 492 degrees, and Meredith conferred 162 degrees. Of these 5,000 students, some 400 are training for the Baptist ministry, with another 300 classified as "student volunteers" expecting to serve in some phase of our church work. In addition to these there are several hundred preparing themselves for other professions such as public school teaching, law, medicine, business, and other vocations in which we sorely need Christian laymen.

The progress of all the work being promoted through the Baptist churches of North Carolina is dependent largely upon the trained leadership that can be provided. Baptist have stood firm in the position that the State cannot be expected to train church leaders. All of us know that fine Christian young men and young women are graduating from our State colleges and universities and are becoming our leaders in agriculture and industry, but along with these and other leaders, the churches have the responsibility for making available those who will stand shoulder to shoulder with them and march forward in the full development of both human and natural resources in our world today. Our church leaders are not alone in their support of this program of Christian education. Those who occupy positions of leadership in the industrial and commercial world are equally interested in maintaining a balance between the education of young people in both church and state-related colleges. Such a balance is necessary in a democratic society. These State and church-related colleges find many areas in which they cooperate and work together in our program of higher education, and they do so in the spirit of unity rather than competition.

As the state provides greater financial support for its colleges and universities, so must our churches in keeping their colleges equal in every respect. Through the Cooperative Program, the Baptist of North Carolina makes available approximately $70.00 per student per year for those enrolled in our colleges; while the State makes available some $400.00 per student per year for those enrolled in its

colleges and universities. No one can question our ability to provide more financial support needed for the operation of our Baptist colleges, and keep them more on a level with our State colleges and universities.

I understand that our Baptist colleges have $220,000.00 available for making loans to worthy students, a greater part of which is not now being used. Possibly there may be a worthy student in your church, who, for financial reasons, think they can not go to one of our Baptist colleges, but if informed of this fund, might make themselves available to the fine Christian influence offered by our Baptist colleges, this being a blessing to them, and then a blessing to our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Kinlaw.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT TO SIXTIETH SESSION OF THE BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

There is at the present time a study course being held in this association for every church, on how to improve our Sunday schools. The title of the book being used in this study course is, "A CHURCH USING ITS SUNDAY SCHOOL." I sincerely hope that every church will take part in this study course. This is one of the finest books on how to improve our Sunday schools I know any thing about. From last year's record as recorded in our minutes, it seems to me that there is a great need for more work to be done in our Sunday schools. We show an enrollment of 4,520, and just a little over half of this number attend Sunday school. This is not including any of that number that never attend Sunday school at all. From the best information I can get, there are 3,000 white people within the radius of our churches that do not attend Sunday school in any church. Again I am informed, that many of this number are Baptist inclined. I definitely feel that there is not a Baptist church in this association, but what has an obligation to help reach this group of un-churched people. That is one of the great objectives of the Sunday school is evangelism. That is the primary motive of every Sunday school is to win the lost to Christ. Since the records prove, first, that 93% of our church membership comes from our Sunday schools, is all the more reason why these un-churched people should

be enrolled in Sunday schools. It seems to me that the words of Jesus should still stir our souls, "THE FIELDS ARE STILL WHITE UNTO THE HARVEST."

Again I would like to call your attention to the records, out of our 4,520 enrolled in our churches, we have only 201 tithers reported. There is no better place in the church to teach stewardship than in the Sunday schools. The teacher of the Sunday school should plant this thought in the minds of every member of their class. This would help every member of the Sunday schools to grow up in the teaching of Christ, "IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE." Then stewardship teaches more that just giving our money, it teaches giving our talents, our time, and our service. The disciples of the early church were good stewards, "THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES." I trust that in our minutes of this year ending October 1st, 1951, will reveal more progress made in stewardship, than any year in the history of our association.

Brother Moderation I move the adoption of this report. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,
P. G. Cain

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

The progress of the work of the Training Union in the churches of Bladen Association has been gratifying during this year. The position of the Training Union in the church no longer has to be defended, for it has made a place for itself that is recognized by all. However, an active Training Union still requires real efforts in promotion in the local church.

During this year we have had two mass meetings, one in December, and the other in March, and the Training Union was featured in the programs of two Fifth Sunday Union meetings.

The reports at the close of this year show that 14 of our churches have Training Union work, with 57 units of training, and a total enrollment of 866. These figures are not complete for we have not had reports from every Training Union in the Association.

The next important meeting in Training Union is "M" Night on December 3.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Moore

BLADEN W. M. U. ASSOCIATION

There is always a feeling of sadness when one comes to the close of the year; regret that more has not been done. However good the year may have been, there is the wish that it had been better, so it is with the Bladen W.M.U. With the help of the Lord and the continued fine support of everyone of the Missionary women and young people, we can do greater things in the coming year.

The Associational meetings, conferences and special sessions of the W.M.U. have been attended wonderfully well and there has been present at all times a spirit of enthusiasm and determination to "Get out front" in the work at hand. Full co-operation has been accorded your Associational Superintendent for which gratitude is keenly felt.

With the year just closing, being only nine months, and with the new way of reporting (only gifts quarterly, to Home, State and Foreign Hissions, and the Heck-Jones Memorial sent direct to Raleigh count on report) the financial statement is less than last year. However, when all reports are in for this quarter, ending September 30, we believe that we will reach our aim. To date, around $1,200.00 has been reported by societies.

Now that there are 29 churches in our Association, we are proud to report that Missionary work with the W.M.U. is carried on in 26 of them. Under the direction of the Associational Missionary, Mrs. R. J. Hall, a number of new societies have been organized and Mission Sunday Schools are being carried on over the county, Community Missions is carried on in a great way as associational wide effort. Mrs. R. A. Britt is chairman of this work. Mrs. W. G. Gilcrist, Stewardship Chairman and Mrs. G. W. Hester, Mission Study Chairman, have led the Association in a splendid way. The Young People's work, under the direction of Mrs. Worth Warner and Mrs. Foster Smith, shows great increase along all lines of endeavor. We are looking forward to the new year with added interest as many fine young women in the Association are taking the leadership in the W.M.S. This is encouraging to everyone.

The Woman's Missionary Union extends greetings to the General Bladen Association and pledge our support to them in the excellent way in which they are carrying on the work they find to do. We are happy to greet all new

pastors now living and working in our midst. In humility and sincerity we want to serve whenever and wherever we are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. James H. McLaney

REPORT ON BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

The rediscovery of laymen by our Baptist Churches is one of the most encouraging signs of our day. For many years we have realized our deep need of an agency that would attract and hold the men of our churches, challenging them to loyalty to Christ and the church, and utilizing them in Christian activities.

To this end, the Baptist Brotherhood of the South was organized, having as its purpose the deepening of the spirituality, the promotion of religious intelligence, and the cultivation of Christian fellowship among the men of the church. Activity in the Brotherhood is stimulated in seeking to lead lost men to Christ, and to cooperate with all other existing agencies of the church and denomination in the promotion of the general work.

One phase of the work of the brotherhood that is especially commendable is the Man and Boy Movement. The purpose of this major southwide Brotherhood objective is to encourage men to invite and take unchurched boys to Sunday School.

For example, a man finds an unchurched boy. Upon contacting the boy, the man invites and then takes the boy to his Sunday School for four Sundays. After the man has brought the boy to Sunday School for four Sundays, it is believed that the Sunday School will have made a deep impression on him, and that he will have become acquainted enough in his new experiences, that he will want to come back. Then too, after four Sunday's attendance, he will have been enrolled in some individual's class, and, in turn, will have become a direct responsibility of the Sunday School department of the church.

Thus through the consecrated efforts of the laymen of our churches, hundreds of unsaved boys can be reached and enlisted for Christ and his kingdom. Surely if the Man and Boy Movement were the sole objective for the organization and operation of a Brotherhood in every church it would

still be gloriously worthwhile.

Again, the many practical activities that operate through the Brotherhood can be genuinely helpful; such as, providing parking space for cars, providing transportation for elderly people who otherwise could not come to church, using the Brotherhood chorister in building a men's chorus or quartet to be featured in church services, leading every man in the Brotherhood to establish and maintain family worship, and working continually to build a spirit of friendliness in the church. These and other related activities through which the Brotherhood of any church expresses the Spirit of Christ are truly praiseworthy.

It is to be hoped that the men in every church throughout the Bladen Association will accept the challenge the Brotherhood Movement offers for real service to Christ and His cause.

If your church does not have a Brotherhood at present, information concerning the organization and its work may be secured by writing: Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Distribution Department, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Mears, Jr.

OUR 1951 ORPHANAGE REPORT

Again the time has come for your Orphanage to submit its annual report to the District Associations. We are happy to do this because you are the ones who support this host of homeless children with your love, your prayers, and your money.

In your child care program you make available three channels through which dependent children are aided. At Mills Home and Kennedy Home we cared for 606 last year. Then through Mother's Aid we helped support 100. In addition to this we supported 58 children in Boarding Homes. This makes a grand total of 764 children who were given support through your Orphanage program.

There are two major sources of support for your program of child care. The greatest of these is the ONCE-A-MONTH Offering by the Sunday Schools and churches. The other is the Thanksgiving Offering. All this money is used exclusively for the support of the children. By strict economy it has always been sufficient to meet their needs.

Hence, your Orphanage has never sponsored a special campaign for funds. All buildings have been erected by special gifts from interested friends. Since the members of our churches have given DIRECTLY AND REGULARLY to the Orphanage it has kept these children close to their hearts, and we believe has stimulated their religious zeal and caused them to give more to the total Denominational Program.

The financial condition of your Orphanage is good. However, it does not have a large surplus of funds as some have thought. Like most of your own families, we have to be extremely careful with our expenses in order to get through the year without a deficit.

Through the generous bequest of the late Mr. Robert M. Idol of Winston-Salem, we received last year the greatest single gift that has ever come to the Orphanage. This gift, together with a similar one from his sister, the late Miss Lelia M. Idol, totaled a little more than seven hundred thousand dollars. Not one penny of this can ever be used for current expenses. The donors designated in their will that it should be use to build a Church, an Infirmary, and a Print Shop. These buildings and one cottage for children are now under contract. When they are finished and FURNISHED we will have less than $30,000 of this fund left which could be used to help erect another building. Actually when our present building program is finished we will have No Surplus Funds left.

Although we have never sponsored a special campaign for money, we have tried to keep you informed as to what we were doing and as to our needs. Each week we send *Charity and Children* to more than forty thousand families. We endeavor to meet with every District Association. Also, we go into as many of your local churches as possible during the year. Our Baptist people have always responded in the spirit of the Master who said, "Whosoever receiveth one such children in my name, receiveth not only Me, but Him that sent Me."

We solicit your continued prayers and support, and we pledge that we will continue to give these homeless children the best training possible.

Respectfully submitted,
S. W. Phillips

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Teaching and Healing, two of the principal precepts of Christ's ministry, are the main objectives of your Baptist Hospital. The Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College and the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem is the only Baptist owned hospital and medical school combined in the world today.

Underlying these objectives is the Christian responsibility of caring for the poor by giving them medical service, and by ministering to the sick throughout the state.

The Baptist Hospital incorporated in 1922, now has a capacity of 260 beds and 55 bassinets. Plans are now going forward for building the new South wing which will increase the capacity of the hospital by 50 per cent.

The Baptist Hospital, owned by N. C. Baptist, is the concrete expression of their desire to minister to the whole person. The Hospital has a full department of Religion with a director, two chaplains, and a student secretary to minister pastoral care to the patients during their illness, and further the religious program among the nurses and student doctors and other employees of the hospital. Thus, we see our Baptist Hospital ministers to the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the sick.

Funds received each year in the Mother's Day offering are used to help pay the expenses of those who are not able to pay for hospital care. Approximately half of the 9,702 bed patients admitted to the hospital in 1950, and all of the 47,889 out patients clinic visitors were aided with the Mother's Day offering received. The goal set for the 1951 Mother's Day offering was $150,000.

The N. C. Baptist Hospital serves its patients by Healing, Teaching, and Reaching. Spiritual needs are met as well as physical needs while the patient is there. What other needs are more worthy than those of our sick? Jesus spent His time on earth ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the people, and His commandment to us was "Go and Do Thou likewise." If your church has not given to the Hospital this year, plan to give an offering soon. Let us all give that others might live.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. Britt

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Someone in the long ago once said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is." It follows that if a man is to be right, he must think right, and few things will yield a greater influence over a man's thought life than that which he reads.

This being true, how imperative it is that we furnish our Baptist people with literature of the highest order. In a day when winds of false doctrine and pagan philosophies are invading the minds of people everywhere, we need to see the responsibility of seeing that our people are not only well informed but correctly informed as well.

To this end, Baptist book stores throughout the southland are rendering a marvelous service. It would be wise for every Baptist throughout Bladen Association to visit our state Baptist Book Store, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. There one would find good, sound literature on almost any and every subject.

A church would do well to appropriate a certain amount of money each year in its budget for the purpose of building a church library. This would help a great deal in getting our young people started in good reading habits, and would help counteract so much of the literary filth that is being placed on the newsstand and being read by so many people today.

Again, the regular weekly and monthly periodicals published in the interest of our Baptist people by our denominational presses are of great value in keeping our people well informed. There is the Biblical Recorder that reaces thousands of our people not only in North Carolina but throughout the southland. No Baptist can be an informed Baptist without the Recorder. Then there is the orphanage paper, Charity and Children. Home Life, The Commission, Royal Service, The Baptist Standard, and all the other denominational publications are rendering a great service to our Baptist people.

Surely we must do our best in all of our churches throughout Bladen Association to see that our denominational publications are given the proper place in our church programs and in our homes.

Respectfully submitted,
Barton W. Howell

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

Can't we tell right from wrong? There are many reasons given for the conduct of our people. Some blame it on depressions and wars. The analysts whose job it is to examine our national behavior do not agree among themselves. About this they do agree. Something has happened to us as a people. Something serious. We have gained much in the last half century. We have lost something also—Has what we have gained been more important than what we have lost? What is wrong with us? Is it the air we breathe. The things we say. Our books. Our papers. Our theatre. Our movies. Our radio. The way we behave. The interests we have. The values we fix.—We have everything. We abound with all the things that make us comfortable. We are on the average rich beyond the dreams of the kings of old. We lead in almost everything—Yet something is not there that should be there—something we once had. Stalin, like Hitler, thinks we're soft, preoccupied with material things. Are we our own worst enemies? Should we fear what is happening among us more than what is happening elsewhere? Why has a moral deterioration set in among us that brings corruption, loose behavior, dulled principles, subverted morals, easy expediencies, sharp practices?—What corrupts our top people? What has taken away the capacity for indignation that used to rise like a mighty wave and engulf the corruptors—the corruptors of public office, of business, of youth, of sports? What is it? No one seems to know. But everybody seems to believe it is upon us. No one seems to know what to do to meet it.

There has never been a culture in which institutions of evil practices did not flourish. Why? Because people patronize them. What can be done? We need more and better christians. The modern distinction between preachers and laymen was practically unknown to the early christian. Every christian was supposed to be a witness of the good news. We need people with the backbone, courage and conviction to stand up and do the right thing, and to live the right way, and to let their lives be a monument and a living witness to righteous living among their fellow men.

Respectfully submitted,
Leon D. Smith

REPORT OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 1951

The reports, reviewing the work of the Relief and Annuity Board, presented at the annual meeting of the Board in Dallas, on March 14th, showed 1950 to be a year of continued progress and enlarged service to our Southern Baptist constituency.

Officers of the Board were re-elected: Dr. Wallace Bassett, president; Dr. Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary; Dr. Robert S. Jones, associate secretary; Mr. Orville Groner, treasurer-investments.

Total income for 1950 was $4,824,268.72, with total benefits paid, amounting to $1,413,885.82. Total assets of the Board as of December 31, 1950 were $20,518,200.12.

Even with utmost care, in seeking to keep expenditures to a minimum, the relief department, for the third consecutive year, spent more for relief than was received. Only when conditions seemed to demand it, were increases granted. We had 1,443 on our relief roll on December 31, 1950, the largest number in all the history of the department. Several things have contributed to the ever increasing load which the relief department is called upon to bear: First, the sharp increase in the cost of living has forced many of those in retirement, who had thought it would never be necessary to ask for assistance, to appeal for help from the department, that they might have the necessities of life. Second, many of those on the relief roll have found the small amounts received inadequate to provide food, and that which is always needed, and in increasing quantities in old age, medicine. A third, and more important factor, is the large number of pastors who failed to join the Ministers Retirement Plan and find themselves, at retirement, with no source of income, and because of this neglect, are forced to request that their names be placed on the relief roll.

There is growing concern on the part of the Relief and Annuity Board over the ever increasing load which the relief department is called upon to carry and the Board feels that our constituency should be acquainted with the seriousness of this problem. Pastors now in active service who refuse or neglect to join the Ministers Retirement Plan

have no right to expect assistance from the relief department. It is urgently requested that the secretaries inform pastors in active service that unless they provide, with the help of their denomination, retirement benefits, there is serious doubt that the Board will be able to care for them out of relief funds.

More was spent for relief in ten states than was received. So serious has this problem become that the relief committee has given instructions that no increases be granted except in cases of dire emergency. The department spent $14,397.11 more than Southern Baptists gave for relief. It is imperative that more of our churches take a fellowship offering for ministerial relief that the needs of our old preachers and widows of preachers may be met.

Too many of our pastors have neglected to join the Ministers Retirement Plan and the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan and these pastors or their widows may suffer from this negligence. That large group of pastors who joined the Ministers Retirement Plan but are inactive because of non-payment of dues, should take care lest they come to retirement age with the annuity they should receive greatly reduced.

The report of the relief committee, at the annual meeting of the Board, showed grave concern over the number of pastors who are retiring and requesting that their names be placed on the relief roll who have never been members of the Ministers Retirement Plan.

The relief committee feels that pastors now in active service who refuse or neglect to join the Ministers Retirement Plan, will have no right to expect assistance from this department when they retire. The following statistical table shows that many pastors are without the protection which the Ministers Retirement Plan and the Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan offer.

Are you one of those who will, because of neglect, have no regular income when you retire? If so, join the Ministers Retirement Plan.

In case of your death, would your wife need financial assistance? If so, join the Widow Supplemental Annuity Plan.

Ministers Retirement Plan

Ministers in North Carolina	Certificates Issued in M.R.P.	Active Paying Members	Inactive Members Non-payment of Dues
1,989	952	611	128

Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan

Ministers in North Carolina	Certificates Issued in W.S.A.P.	Active Paying Members	Delinquent
1,989	295	221	74

The above table shows that several hundred pastors should join the Ministers Retirement Plan and Widows Supplemental Annuity Plan without delay.

The Southern Baptist Convention, realizing that more money is needed for ministerial relief, requests that each church take a fellowship offering for this worthy cause in June, or at such time as convenient for the church.

Last year, North Carolina Baptists gave $16,918.93 for ministerial relief and the Relief and Annuity Board spent for relief in North Carolina $23,029.50, leaving a deficit in the North Carolina relief account of $6,110.57. The four and two-thirds cents of each cooperative program dollar does not provide sufficient funds to take care of the relief beneficiaries in North Carolina. It is, therefore, urgent that every church heed the request of the Southern Baptist Convention and take a fellowship offering in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper in June, or at such time as convenient to the church. This deficit can only be met by these fellowship offerings.

Exclusive of relief funds, the Relief and Annuity Board sent checks to 239 beneficiaries of the several plans in the state of North Carolina for a total amount of $111,912.95.

Respectfully submitted,
D. M. Clemmons

ASSOCIATION MISSIONS

Each month a detailed report of the work done is made to Dr. M. A. Huggins, Treasurer Baptist State Convention, Rev. R. A. Britt, Treasurer Bladen Association, and P. G. Cain, Chairman Missions Committee. This report is a compilation of monthly reports. I have attended 273 services in the churches of our association and 20 services at New Center Baptist Church and the Pittman Road Sunday School; 359 trips were made to all these communities. As chairman of the census committee in connection with the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade census cards were secured from the Home Mission Board and used, as each church took the census of their community. I took the census of the Pittman Road Community. I served as Bladen W. M. U. Superintendent until the annual meeting in April. Planned three W. M. U. Rallies in connection with the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, planned the Deacons' School held in Bladenboro and Elizabethtown; assisted with the enlistment of all the churches for the Associational Sunday School Clinic held in Bladenboro in May. Saw that each church participated in the Sunday School Program Planning Meetings; cooperated with B. T. U. Director, Rev. J. A. Moore, in planning "M" night, with Mrs. F. W. Naylor in planning Association Vacation Bible School Clinic; with Mr. P. G. Cain in planning Asso. Sunday School Program Planning Meeting. Planned with Mission Study Chairman, Mrs. G. W. Hester, for the Mission Study Institute held in Elizabethtown, Mrs. R. A. Britt, Community Missions Chairman for Study of Community Missions Guide by all W. M. Societies. Planned the Leadership Conference held at Center Roads. Planned with Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr., the W. M. U. Conference held at White Lake and the bus trip for 38 members to W. M. S. Camp at Caswell Assembly. Have served with Rev. E. S. Lingle and Mr. P. G. Cain as program committee for the Fifth Sunday Sessions of the Association. Have attended meetings in Goldsboro and Fayetteville in interest of B. T. U. work. Attended State W. M. U. Council in Raleigh, and W. M. U. Institute at Campbell College. Have attended conferences for Associational Missionaries at Fruitland and Caswell Assemblies, Evangelistic Conference in Charlotte, State Convention in Durham, State Sunday School Program Planning Meeting

in Raleigh, State Vacation Bible School Clinic in Fruitland, Divisional W. M. U. Meeting in Fayetteville. I planned for and accompanied the group of 53 who visited Mills Home at Thomasville, N. C. Baptist Hospital and Rest Haven at Winston-Salem, when we took a large quantity of canned food and $20.00 to the orphanage, a large box of books and linen and $60.00 with which to buy linen to the hospital, and canned food and $100.00 to Rest Haven. We told Rev. J. M. Hayes, Supt. Rest Haven, we would see that enough money was sent to be added to the $100.00 for payment of Deep Freeze. While $288.92 was needed to complete this payment $472.50 had been received for this at last report. Have assisted with the organization of the Bladen Pastors' Conference, organized 2 B. T. U., 4 W. M. S., 3 G. A., and 2 Y. W. A. worked in three study courses and six Vacation Bible Schools. Visited in three colored churches in interest of V. B. S. and put on V. B. S. Clinic in colored Baptist Church, Bladenboro, with other colored churches cooperating. Have prepared and used Calendar of Activities and keep before our people each phase of our denominational work. Cooperated with Mr. D. T. Britt, Asso. Hospital Chairman in the completion of the raising of the Hospital Building Fund. A bulletin is published monthly, 300 copies are circulated. Have traveled 12,564 miles, held nine group and 351 individual conferences. Have taken care of all correspondence relative to the work. There have been 10 conversions. I praise the Lord for his direction and leadership and all good accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. J. Hall

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES Leon D. Smith, Clerk, Elizabethtown, N.C. C. D. Brisson, Moderator, Dublin, N.C.	GAINS		LOSSES	TOTAL			SPECIAL INFORMATION				
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held1	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	No. Known Roman Catholics to Join Church in Year
Abbottsburg	V	1871	1-3	H. B. Bennett, Shallote	7	1	2	81	13	94	2		No	No	
Beards Chapel	R	1800	1-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	5					90	2	4		No	
Bethel	R	1882	1-2-3-4	B. W. Howell, St. Pauls	1	10	145	140	44	184	2	12	No	No	
Bladenboro First	T	1911	1-2-3-4	H. W. Baucom, Lumberton (Interim)	15	12	59	304	69	373	1	61	No	Yes	
Briar Branch	R	1898	1-3		2		1	31	35	66	3			No	
Butters	V	1932	3-4	E. S. Lingle, Bladenboro	3		6	80	33	113	2	5	No	No	
Calvary	R	1939	2-4	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	1	5	3	64	12	76	1	5	No		
Center Roads	R	1885	2-4	Robert Harris, Franklinton	3		4	241	18	259	2		No	No	
Clarkton	T	1884	1-2-3-4	John A. Moore, Clarkton	7	3	22	212	52	264	1		No	No	
Council	V		1-2-3-4	J. B. Dosher, Kelly	18	6	2	123	42	165	2	15	No	No	
Cypress Creek	R	1853	1		1	4	7	164	12	176	2		No	Yes	
Dublin First	V	1951	1-2-3-4	R. L. Edwards, Elizabethtown						138			Yes	No	
Elizabethtown	T	1903	1-2-3-4	A. D Frazier, Elizabethtown	56	35	15	477	61	538	2		No	No	
Galeed	R	1886	2-4	Joel Johnson, Fairmont	24	1	5	182	102	291	1	20	No	No	
Hickory Grove	R	1834	3	R. L. Edwards, Elizabethtown		1	6	217		217	1	12	No	No	
Lagoon	R	1896	2	J. B. Dosher, Kelly	1			13	12	25	2	2	No	Yes	
Lisbon	R	1872	1-3	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	12	4	1	132	30	162	1	15		No	
Love Grove	R	1872	3-4	D. M. Clemmons, Fayetteville R5	9	7	4			233	2	5	Yes	No	
Nat Moore	R	1914	2-4	N. B. Edge, Fayetteville		1	3	47	10	57	1			No	
Richardson	R	1914	1-3	John A. Moore, Clarkton	9	5	2	58	25	83	1			No	
Riverside	R	1924	2-4	M. M. Turner, Ingold	1		7	76	36	112	1	6	Yes	No	
Sandy Grove	R	1880	2-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro						150					
Shady Grove	R	1880	2-4	R. M. Walton, Wilmington	9	5	6	135	40	175	2		No	Yes	
Suggs Grove	R	1868	2		5	1	2			138	2	8	No	No	
Tobermory	R	1937	2-4	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	4		2	42	33	75	1	3	No	No	
West Bladenboro	V	1917	1-2-3-4	B. W. Howell, Bladenboro		27	3			156	2	14			
Whites Creek	R	1914			2		11			111	2			Yes	
White Lake	R	1846	1-3	E. C. Reeves, White Lake		4	7	42	62	104	3	1	Yes	No	
White Oak	V	1853	1-2-3-4	W. F. Naylor, White Oak	12	10	14	141	50	199	1		No		
Zion Hill	R	1886	1-2-3-4	E. S. Lingle, Bladenboro	12	5	4	128	31	159	2	15	No	No	
Totals					219	147	343	3,130	822	4,893	47	203			

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES Roger C. Johnson, Associational Superintendent, Bladenboro	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT													V. B. S.	
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School enrolment	Average Attendance
Abbottsburg	Billy McKeithan, Abbottsburg			16	24	26	20		40				126	88	86	60
Beards Chapel	Gaddie Norris, Garland			18	14	15	21	18	49				145	75		
Bethel	Thomas Carroll, Dublin			57	44	57	90	123	89		2		462	183	152	139
Bladenboro First	J. J. Pittman, Bladenboro		32	21	31	54	28	20	121		3		310	200	112	90
Briar Branch													54			
Butters	Ross Edwards, Bladenboro, Rt. 1			28		33	31	36	42				170	85	63	55
Calvary	W. B. Warner, Clarkton, Rt. 1			5	5	5	10	5	12		8		50	35		
Center Roads	Elery Pait, Bladenboro			82		40	40	80	27		7		276	190	103	
Clarkton	C. E. Evans, Clarkton			33	19	35	24	20	125				256	161	109	87
Council	J. E. Nance, Council	10		18	12	16	11	16	46	10			139	93	73	60
Cypress Creek	Eddis Smith, Parkersburg			25	20	25	25	20	49				164	92		
Dublin First	C. D. Brisson, Dublin			28	18	22	36	68	58		10		240	171		
Elizabethtown	George McLaney, Elizabethtown		41	50	40	47	40	39	238				495	230	205	159
Galeed	Gordon Lennon, Bladenboro, Rt. 1			10	13	38	30	76	36				203	124		
Hickory Grove	Luther Brisson, Bladenboro			35		19	15	12	90				171	139		
Lagoon	T. C. Ellis, Lagoon	2		1	3	4	2		12		4		28	15		
Lisbon	Erwin Phillips, Council	22		18	14	17	24	24	46	14	1		180	82	90	68
Love Grove	Martin Wilson, Tar Heel			23	34	23	22	65	71				238	138		
Nat Moore	S. T. Squires, Kelly												40			
Richardson	I. W. Davis, Bladenboro				21	16	11		15				63	37	39	32
Riverside	Bill Jernigan, Tomahawk			10	10	11	11	15	36				99			
Sandy Grove	Mrs. T. E. Guyton, Bladenboro		8	20	15	20	23	15	36				136	90	78	70
Shady Grove	Leston Thompson, Clarkton		20	18	15	18	14	36	50		11		182	105	83	73
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Fayetteville, Rt. 5			20	10	8	9	16	55		5		128	85	18	
Tobermory	Nick L. Baker, St. Pauls, Rt. 2		3	12	20	15	25		20				95	65	63	56
West Bladenboro	W. T. Kinlaw, Bladenboro				20	15	17	18	30		7		107	75		
Whites Creek	E. L. Hayes, Clarkton R. 1			26	17	14	12	12	53				134	85	40	35
White Lake	Eugene Thomas, White Lake			20	21	20	22		25		6		108	65	45	40
White Oak	R. G. Kinlaw, White Oak			10	15	22	21	12	44		2		126	86	99	78
Zion Hill	Theron Pait, Bladenboro			48		20	18	20	102		1		209	114	83	76
Totals		34	96	642	455	655	652	766	1,617	24	67		5,134	2,908	1,541	1,178

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES Associational Director, R. L. Edwards Elizabethtown, N. C.	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abbottsburg																			
Beards Chapel																			
Bethel	Edgar Priest, Tar Heel				1	1		1	3				25	10		20		55	30
Bladenboro First	Sidney Britt, Bladenboro		1	1	1	1		1	5		10	10	15	15		15	1	66	45
Briar Branch																			
Butters	Mrs. Henry Sykes, Bladenboro	1				1		1	3	13				9		7		29	13
Calvary	W. B. Warner, Clarkton					1			1					12				12	8
Center Roads	Mrs. Downie Taylor, Bladenboro							1								50		50	
Clarkton	W. J. Green, Clarkton			1	1	1	1	1	5			9	12	18	7	14	5	63	45
Council	Creed Moore, Council			1	1	1	1	1	5			12	15	16	5	17	6	71	55
Cypress Creek	Earl Smith, Garland			1		1		1	3			19		19		25		63	
Dublin, First	Jeanette Hester, Dublin		1	1				1	3							33		33	
Elizabethtown	Mrs. Edgar Hair, Elizabethtown		1	1	1	2	1	1	7		9	12	14	32	6	20	5	98	53
Galeed																			
Hickory Grove	Luther Brisson, Bladenboro		1		1	1		1	4		27		15	19		34	5	100	72
Lagoon																			
Lisbon	Harris Huestus, Clarkton		1	1	1	1	1	1	6		12	9	15	16	19	18	6	95	60
Love Grove																			
Nat Moore																			
Richardson																			
Riverside	Samuel Marshburn, Tomahawk											10	10	9	5			34	
Sandy Grove																			
Shady Grove																			
Suggs Grove	E. H. Dew, Fayetteville, Rt. 5				1	1		1	3			10	8	9	12	20	6	65	
Tobermory																			
West Bladenboro	B. C. Bullard, Bladenboro												15		17	12		44	27
Whites Creek	Buelah Collier, Clarkton			1	1		1	1	4			15	12		20	18		65	47
White Lake	Mrs. Virginia McClure, White Lake		1		1	1			3		10		12	12		15	7	56	33
White Oak	P. G. Cain, White Oak				1	1		1	3				13	12		20	9	54	
Zion Hill	Chaston Davis, Bladenboro			1	1	1	1	1	5			10	9	10	10	19	8	57	34
Totals		1	6	9	12	15	6	15	63	13	68	116	190	218	111	357	58	1,110	522

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES Associational President, Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr. Bladenboro, N. C.	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abbottsburg	Mr. Archie Ward, Bladenboro	1				1	2	32				15	46		
Beards Chapel															
Bethel	Mrs. Jeff Carroll, Tar Heel	1	1	1		1	4	46	15	15		12	88	35	7
Bladenboro, First	Mrs. W. R. Elmore, Bladenboro	1	1	1	1	1	5	110	12	16	15	10	163	125	40
Briar Branch															
Butters	Mrs. Thelma Packer, Bladenboro	1					1	24					24		3
Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Clarkton	1					1	12					12	12	5
Center Roads	Mrs. Downie Taylor, Bladenboro	1					1	15					15		
Clarkton	Mrs. Worth Warner, Clarkton	1	1	1	1	1	5	71	14	9	11	12	117	78	
Council															
Cypress Creek	Mrs. C. M. Davis	1					1	23					23		
Dublin, First	Mrs. David McDaniel, Dublin							40	31	28	17	36	152		
Elizabethtown	Mrs. J. H. McLaney, Elizabethtown	1	1	2		2	6	163	6	24		46	217	204	39
Galeed	Mrs. Neal Edwards, Bladenboro	1	1	1			3	26	15	13			54		
Hickory Grove	Miss Ruby Hester, Bladenboro	1	1				2	19	15				34	34	12
Lagoon															
Lisbon	Mrs. S. W. Phillips, Council	1	1	1	1	1	5	27	10	11	15	19	82	50	15
Love Grove	Mrs. Jeff Allen, Tar Heel	1	1	1			3	26	7	23			56		5
Nat Moore															
Richardson	Mrs. Sam Singletary, Bladenboro	1					1	10					10		
Riverside	Mrs. Lila Sutton, Tomahawk	1					1	15					15		
Sandy Grove	Mrs. Emmett Guyton, Bladenboro	1					1	30					30		
Shady Grove	Mrs. Della Santee, Bladenboro	1					1	35					35		
Suggs Grove	Mrs. Badger Edge, White Oak														
Tobermory	Mrs. Bessie Hall, St. Pauls	1					1	9					9	6	3
West Bladenboro	Josephine Stubbs, Bladenboro	1					1	12					12		7
Whites Creek	Mrs. C. A. Townsend, Clarkton	1					1	25					25	4	
White Lake	Mrs. E. C. Reeves, White Lake	1					1	12					12		
White Oak	Mrs. C. W. McClure, White Oak	1					1	26					26		7
Zion Hill	Mrs. Livie Hester, Bladenboro	1		1			2	18		12			30	18	15
Totals		23	8	9	3	7	50	826	125	151	58	150	1,287	566	158

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES Associational Treasurer, Leon D. Smith Elizabethtown, N. C.	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Grand Total Local Expense
Abbottsburg	P. G. Bullard, Bladenboro	2,883		40	1,745	199	65	70			2,120	475	2,595
Beards Chapel	C. H. Norris, Garland	808			30	48	140	31		24	559	480	1,039
Bethel	W. A. Taylor, Jr., Dublin	8,236	300		2,512	295	461	288		244	4,100	1,600	5,700
Bladenboro, First	H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	21,714	1,278	901		593	129	633		2,555	6,086	4,127	10,213
Briar Branch	H. W. Watson, Elizabethtown	449			56	29	4	46		15	151	190	341
Butters	Mrs. Marvin Mercer, Butters	894	60			75	35	50	9	40	268	422	691
Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Clarkton	1,163	15	113		48	37	50	250	15	529	360	899
Center Roads	Wade Pait, Bladenboro	2,760		17		198	290	475		275	1,262	837	2,099
Clarkton	Harry Prince, Clarkton	13,238	98	72	8,615	413	228	73		890	10,390	1,680	12,070
Council	S. McLean, Council	3,220		436		161	83	259		300	1,241	1,560	2,801
Cypress Creek	Allie Johnson, Garland	2,439	115				218	171		50	890	513	1,803
Dublin, First	Kenneth Hester	24,000			23,500	300				200	24,000		24,000
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	12,425		358	1,412	1,154	360	325		1,873	5,320	4,320	8,920
Galeed	Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro	4,829	50	50	682	238		140	225	107	1,493	800	2,293
Hickory Grove	Roy Hester, Bladenboro	3,642	25	55	66	277	433	50		157	1,065	1,003	2,068
Lagoon	Mrs. Bertha Smith, Lagoon	1,085		31	21	17	13	60	698		841		841
Lisbon	Mrs. C. A. Priest, Council	2,385	73	176	130	438	81	200		65	1,164	600	1,764
Love Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel	4,085	26	270	86	300	25	265		20	1,093	999	2,093
Nat Moore	H. B. Bigford, Kelly	350				12				18	30	307	337
Richardson	Mrs. Harvey Sessons, Bladenboro	1,387		16	371	52	35	65		98	639	355	1,195
Riverside	Joe Evans, Tomahawk	2,272		30		254		105	422	19	829	751	1,581
Sandy Grove	A. W. Shaw, Bladenboro	2,359		138	161	97	84		480	108		900	900
Shady Grove	Fred Skipper, Bladenboro	2,766		148	1,340	81	9	200		8	1,788	600	2,388
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Fayetteville Rt. 5	5,138	190	162	2,556	432	227	237		333	4,131	892	5,023
Tobermory	G. C. Fisher, St. Pauls	1,011		75		135	25	50		170	455	405	860
West Bladenboro	B. C. Bullard, Bladenboro	3,695	90	75	198	173		271		249		1,325	1,325
Whites Creek	T. B. Harrelson, Clarkton	1,648			634	75	18	151		62	941	378	1,319
White Lake	Mrs. F. R. Bell, Elizabethtown	857		70	642	231		301				764	764
White Oak	Miss Lizzie Purdie, White Oak	4,789	236	399		329		310		227	1,501	2,350	3,851
Zion Hill	Fred G. Hester, Bladenboro	5,279	50	131	1,139	163	328	431		176	2,420	1,320	3,740
Totals		141,805	2,606	3,763	45,896	6,817	3,328	5,307	2,075	8,293	75,306	30,313	105,513

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES Associational Missionary, Mrs. R. J. Hall Bladenboro, N. C.	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Relief, etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Abbottsburg	P. G. Bullard, Bladenboro	60	60					15	50	45	230	2,825
Beards Chapel	W. S. Norris, Garland	45	25	16	58		9	45	61		260	1,300
Bethel	F. S. Leggett, Tar Heel	15	99	122	109	100		168	67		683	6,383
Bladenboro, First	R. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	2,700	405	419	178	1,188		2,784	385	615	8,676	18,889
Briar Branch	Mrs. L. F. Jones, Elizabethtown	13			7		10	29	18		78	420
Butters	Mrs. Marvin Mercer, Butters	68			3				21	11	104	795
Calvary	S. E. Gooden, Jr., Elizabethtown	13	17	10	15	12	50	54	16		67	1,145
Center Roads	S. G. Taylor, Bladenboro	250	30					162	183	35	660	2,760
Clarkton	H. M. Rivenbark, Clarkton	563	126	36	37	28		150	100	21	1,063	13,133
Council	J. M. Moore, Council	170						206	42		419	3,220
Cypress Creek	Wilson Smith, Garland	394	25			99		131	44		636	2,439
Dublin, First	Mrs. David McDaniel, Dublin											24,000
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	1,259	250	154	149	190	500	478	234	288	3,504	12,425
Galeed	J. N. Edwards, Bladenboro	400	50	111	207	412		170	177	32	1,560	3,853
Hickory Grove	Elden Hester, Bladenboro	426	75	69	254	26		634	87		1,574	3,642
Lagoon	Mrs. Bertha Smith, Lagoon	4		4	3	7		18	22	11	70	1,085
Lisbon	E. M. Ward, Elizabethtown	44	50	4	4	4		80	80		268	2,032
Love Grove	J. A. Grimes, Jr., Dublin		151	86	18	18	31	576	209	71	1,164	3,258
Nat Moore	S. T. Squires, Kelly	12										78
Richardson	Stanley Davis, Bladenboro	33	17	19				20	40		131	1,126
Riverside	Joe Evans, Tomahawk	338	25	14	8	6		190	75	24	682	2,261
Sandy Grove	L. B. Cain, Bladenboro		46	144				121	61		373	1,273
Shady Grove	Mrs. Leston Thompson, Clarkton		45					25	55	69	194	2,583
Suggs Grove	Mrs. Craven Cain, White Oak							35	40	40	115	5,138
Tobermory	G. C. Fisher, St. Pauls	31	10	12	7	10		21	50	8	150	1,011
West Bladenboro	W. B. Hester, Bladenboro		75	40	25	100			50	20	340	2,723
Whites Creek	A. R. Townsend, Clarkton	68	50	19	20	10		90	45	90	391	1,711
White Lake	D. A. Marshburn, White Lake	8			19			27	37		93	857
White Oak	E. M. Tatum, White Oak	200	75				200	161	106	200	942	4,794
Zion Hill	Kendrick Hester, Bladenboro	80	100	63	10	10	30	274	120	4	694	4,434
Totals		7,194	1,806	1,333	1,131	2,220	830	6,664	2,475	1,584	25,121	131,593

MINUTES OF THE

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA

1952

Including The

Fifth Sunday Session, December 30, 1951

Fifth Sunday Session, March 30, 1952

Fifth Sunday Session, June 29, 1952

and the

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

held with

LOVE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

ELIZABETHTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

AND CLARKTON BAPTIST CHURCH

October 15, 16, 1952

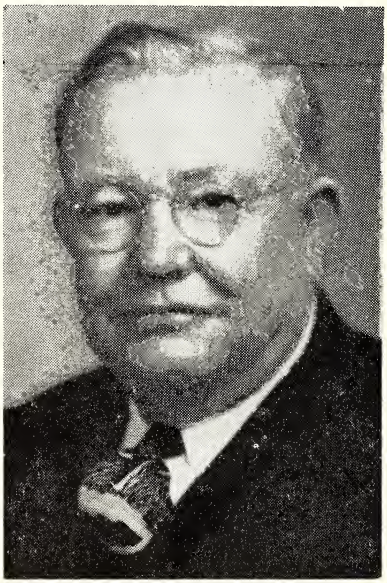
The Next Annual Session of the Association will be held as follows:

First Day's Session, October 14, 1953
Dublin First Baptist Church
Rev. John H. McCrimmon, Preacher
Rev. Joe R. Burn, Alternate Preacher

Night Session, October 14, 1953
Elizabethtown Baptist Church

Second Day's Session, October 15, 1953
Sandy Grove Baptist Church
Rev. R. M. Walton, Preacher
Rev. E. S. Lingle, Alternate Preacher

These Minutes Dedicated To The Memory Of D. T. Britt



OUR BELOVED DEAD

BETHEL—J. F. Evans, Mrs. N. D. Dowless.
BLADENBORO 1st—Leo Buie, Mrs. H. B. Hargrove, Harvey Edwards.
CALVARY—D. T. Britt (deacon).
CENTER ROADS—Mrs. Fannie Taylor.
GALEED—J. C. Edwards.
HICKORY GROVE—Mrs. Mary B. Cheshire, James A. Hester, A. C. Flowers.
SHADY GROVE—L. R. Thompson, Mrs. Belle Perkins, Mrs. Lillie F. Norris, Mrs. Lou Thompson, Mrs. Columbia T. Ellis
SANDY GROVE—Mrs Lillie Cain.
SUGGS GROVE—Mrs. W. H. Simmons.
WEST BLADENBORO—Mrs. Sallie Hardin, Cleveland Strickland.
WHITES CREEK—Eugene L. Hayes, (deacon).
WHITE OAK—Austin Melvin.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY OFFICERS

GENERAL OFFICERS

Leon D. Smith, Moderator, ... Elizabethtown
Porter G. Cain, Vice-Moderator ..... White Oak
John A. Moore, Clerk & Treasurer, ... Clarkton

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Leon D. Smith, Moderator, Chairman, ... Elizabethtown
Porter G. Cain, Vice-Moderator, ... White Oak
John A. Moore, Clerk & Treasurer, ... Clarkton
R. C. Johnson, Assos. S. S. Sup't., ... Bladenboro
R. L. Edwards, Training Union Director, ... Dublin
Mrs A. D. Frazier, W. M. U. Supt., ... Elizabethtown
J. E. Kinlaw, Asso. Brotherhood Supt., ... Elizabethtown
C. D. Brisson, Hospital Representative, ... Dublin
A. D. Frazier, Evangelism Committee, ... Elizabethtown
Fred Nance, Home for the Ageing, ... Bladenboro
Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary ..... Bladenboro
John H. McCrimmon, ... Bladenboro
E. S. Lingle, ... Bladenboro

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE

J. R. Burn, Chairman, ... Tar Heel
Mrs. David McDaniel, ... Dublin
Mrs. J. F. Freeman, ... Bladenboro
R. H. Merritt, ... Lagoon
D. A. Marshburn, ... Bladenboro
Theron Pait, ... Bladenboro

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bennett, H. B. ..... Shallotte
Britt, R. A., ... Bladenboro
Burn, J. R. ..... Tar Heel
Denton, George ..... Fayetteville
Dosher, J. B. ..... Kelly
Edge, N. B. ..... Fayetteville
Edwards, R. L. ..... Dublin
Frazier, A. D. ..... Elizabethtown
Harris, Robert ..... Franklinton
Hester, Gaston ..... Bladenboro
Hughes, Holland ..... Bladenboro
Johnson, Joel ..... Fairmont
Knight, E. F. ..... Kerr
Lingle, E. S. ..... Bladenboro
McDuffie, Richard ..... Elizabethtown
Moore, John A. ..... Clarkton
Turner, M. M. ..... Ingold
Walton, R. M. ..... Wilmington

MESSENGERS TO ANNUAL SESSION

ABBOTTSBURG—Harold Hood, J. D. McKeithan.
BEARD'S CHAPEL—C. H. Norris, Clarence McArthur, Lennon Smith.

BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Gause, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Priest, A. G. Priest.
BLADENBORO, 1st—Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Mrs. L. A. Bridger, B. O. Ward, Sidney Britt, Gus Bullard.
BRIAR BRANCH—Mr. and Mrs. Grad Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Watson, Mrs. Holmes Bullock, R. G. McDuffie.
BUTTERS—Worth Packer, Ross Edwards.
CALVARY—Mrs. D. T. Britt, Pearl Harrelson, Mrs. W. B. Warner.
CENTER ROADS—Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bryan.
CLARKTON—E. L. Green, T. W. Priest, J. J. Weeks.
COUNCIL—S. McLean, J. M. Moore, A. L. Grimsley.
CYPRESS CREEK—Mr. and Mrs. Eddis Smith, C. M. Davis.
DUBLIN 1st.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hill.
ELIZABETHTOWN—Leon D. Smith, D. A. Harris, A. D. Frazier, W. W. Woodhouse.
GALEED—L. B. Lennon, Gordon Lennon, Neill Edwards.
HICKORY GROVE—Fred Nance, Seth Lewis, Roy Hester, W. K. Singletary.
LAGOON—R.H. Merritt.
LISBON—Colon Melvin, L. J. Prevatte, Herbert Sasser.
LOVE GROVE—N. W. Singletary, W. J. Monroe, Albert Singletary.
NAT MOORE—H. B. Bigford, Mrs. Rether Bigford, Mrs. Nolie Robinson.
NEW CENTER—Mrs. Ella Cook, Mrs. Dock Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Tilmon Stevens.
RICHARDSON—Elery Singletary, Mrs. Stanley Davis, Mrs. Will Davis.
RIVERSIDE—Walter Evans, Madison Lewis, R. S. Evans.
SANDY GROVE—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shaw, Robert Adams.
SHADY GROVE—Fred Skipper Ruby Skipper, Leola Autry.
SUGGS GROVE—M. K. Edge, E. H. Dew.
TOBERMORY—David Wichard, Clarence Fisher.
WEST BLADENBORO—Forest Turner, Azie Cain, Wesley Merritt.
WHITES CREEK—D. A. Regan, Jr., Mrs. A. R. Townsend, Mamie Regan.
WHITE LAKE—Mrs. D. A. Marshburn, Mrs. F. R. Bell, Mrs. Annie Wallace, Mrs. Robert Atkinson.
WHITE OAK—Fred Melvin, E. M. Tatum, Mrs. Hallie T. McClure, Mrs. Margaret T. McLaurin.
ZION HILL—Willard Johnson, Kendrick Hester, Major Suggs, Thurman Butler, Robert Hester.

TO REPORT AT 1953 ANNUAL SESSION

State Missions ..... A. D. Frazier
Home Missions ..... J. J. Pittman
Foreign Missions ..... Miss Ruby Hester
Christian Education ..... Miss Louise Britt
Orphanage ..... Sidney Britt

Sunday School	R. C. Johnson
Training Union	R. L. Edwards
Relief and Annuity	B. O. Ward
Hospital	C. D. Brisson
W. M. U. Work	W. M. U. Superintendent
Temperance and Public Morals	J. B. Dosher
Religious Literature	Thomas Carroll
Associational Missions	Mrs. R. J. Hall
Brotherhood	E. W. Byrd
Memorials	S. W. Phillips
60 Years Co-operation	John A. Moore

REVISED CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section 2. The object of this association shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel; to emphasize the responsibilities of its membership in relation to Missions, Benevolences, Education and in co operation with our State and Southern Baptist Convention to increase the intelligence and spiritual power of the people to promote harmony and fellowship among the churches.

ARTICLE 2—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messangers annually elected by the affiliated churches, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this association.

SECTION 2. Each church of 11 members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five lay messengers.

Section 3. Any church desiring affiliation with this association shall be referred to a committee which shall examine its church covenant and its articles of faith and receive its commitment to this constitution. Upon a favorable report of this committee the church shall be received by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 3—ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Section 1. Each church shall send to the annual meetings of the Association a letter (the blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Association), carefully filled as per blank suggestions reporting the last Sunday in September.

Section 2. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years shall be investigated by the officers of the Association and effort be made to reclaim.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be as follows: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School

Superintendent and Associational Baptist Training Union Director.

Section 2. These officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the messengers at each annual session, and shall assume their duties at the close of the Associational meeting at which elected and shall serve until the close of the next annual meeting provided no officer nor any other member of the executive committee shall be eligible to succeed himself after third consecutive year.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the body and see that order and decorum are observed by every member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall be fraternal visitation counselor and adviser with the churches regarding their work through the year.

Section 4. The Vice Moderator shall preside in the absence of or at the discretion of the Moderator.

Section 5. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, mail blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association, prepare, publish and distribute the minutes of the Association as soon as practicable after adjournment.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and distribute all funds of the association subject to its order and make written report of same to each Associational meeting.

ARTICLE 5—COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The executive committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association, Associational missionary, and two pastors elected by the Association upon nomination of the committee on nominations. It shall have authority between the regular sessions of the Association, to act for the body in necessary matters, executing the plans and work of the Association in whatever manner may seem advisable, including an Associational mission program. A full report of its work shall be presented annually, with such recommendations as may seem wise. In case of the death or removal of a member, the committee may appoint a successor to act until the next meeting of the body.

Section 2. At least sixty days before the meeting of the Association the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee whose duty is shall be to nominate Associational officers and committees except those definitely arranged for in other sections of this article, for the following year; subject to the approval and election of the Association.

Section 3. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint the following committees to report to the session at its convenience:

1. Committee on place and preacher.
2. Committee on resolutions.
3. Auditing committee.
4. Committee on petitionary letters (if needed).

Section 4. The program committee shall be composed of the Executive committee of the Association. This committee shall meet soon after the annual session of the Associtaion and select those who shall

write the reports for the next annual session on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Orphanage, Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Union, Ministerial Relief and Annuity, Hospitals, Woman's Work, Brotherhood, Religious Literature, Temperance and Public Morals and Obituaries, and any other report that the times may demand. This meeting shall be held in time for the appointees and assignments to be printed in the minutes.

Section 5. Other temporary committees that may be created by the Association shall be appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the change be read to the Association during the first session of the annual meeting and voted on at a later session.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall meet annually as such time and place as it may decide.

2. All sessions of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service and closed with a prayer.

3. Representatives from 10 of the affiliated churches shall constitute a quorum.

4. The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session, and shall be changed only by a vote of the body.

5. Corresponding messengers and visiting bretheren shall be invited to seats with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

6. A copy of the minutes shall be sent each Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, Secretary of survey and stastics of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

7. The rules for order for the Association shall be those laid down in Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law", but in cases where the meaning may not be clear the Moderator shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Association.

8. The by-laws may be changed at any session by a vote of any majority of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY SESSIONS

ABBOTTSBURG

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with the Abbottsburg Baptist Church on the 30th day of December, 1951, commencing at 10:00 A. M. with the Vice Moderator, Luther Brisson, presiding. Harold Hood, Song Leader, led the congregation in singing "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross". The devotion period was conducted by Rev. H. B. Bennett, the scripture being taken from Psalms 44: 1-8. Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Sr. and Mrs. Azzie Hardin sang a duet, "O Holy Night".

Leon D. Smith, Clerk-Treasurer, called the Roll of the Churches and made a statement of the financial condition of the Association.

The congregation joined in singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; after which Dock Britt taught the Sunday School lesson on "Taking a Stand for God".

At this time it was pointed out that the theme of today's meeting is "The Rural Church", and Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, assisted by Rev. John A. Moore and Rev. R. E. Moore, brought an interesting discussion on "The Rural Church's Contribution to Society", after which the congregation joined in a song "Joy to the World", and also "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

The sermon for the day was brought by Rev. R. E. Moore, Associational Missionary from the Little River Association, on the subject, "An Adequate Program For Our Churches", with the scripture reading from Matthew 20: 17-28.

At the noon hour a bountiful lunch was served by the host church.

The afternoon session began at 1:15 P. M. by the singing of three old time hymns, followed by the afternoon devotion period conducted by Nick Baker, who used the scripture reading from Rev. 19: 1-10. The congregation then joined in singing 'Jesus is all the World to Me", with prayer by Nick Baker.

The Clerk again called the Roll of the Churches, and the Clerk and Vice-Moderator expressed thanks to the host church for the wonderful lunch.

Rev. R. E. Moore then discussed the "Rural Church Enlargement Campaign" with questions from the congregation, followed by special Music from the Shady Grove Church.

Rev. A. D. Frazier, brought a timely talk on "Resolutions for the New Year", after which the Association voted to recommend that all the churches participate in the "Rural Enlargement Campaign" and the "School of Missions" as suggested by the N. C. State Baptist Convention.

The Bethel Baptist Church was selected as the meeting place for the Fifth Sunday Session to be held on March 30, 1952, with the Sermon to be preached by Rev. R. L. Edwards,

Rev. A. D. Frazier, Alternate.

After a song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and prayer by Rev. F. W. Naylor, the meeting adjourned.

Luther Brisson, Vice-Moderator
Leon D. Smith, Clerk.

BETHEL

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with Bethel Baptist Church on the 30th day of March, 1952, with the General Theme being "Evangelism". The meeting was opened at 10:00 A. M. with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding. The congregation sang a hymn and the devotion period was conducted by Rev. B. W. Howell, the scripture being taken from Jonah 1: 1-2 and 3: 1-4.

The Moderator appointed Roy Hester, S. A. Bedsole and W. W. Woodhouse as a Committee on Time and Place for the next meeting.

The Clerk, Leon D. Smith, then called the Roll of the Churches, read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved, and gave the financial statement of the Association. It was also pointed out at this time that a great many of the Churches had participated in the "Rural Church Enlargement Campaign" and that the funds raised in this campaign were being paid through the Association to Dr. Henry E. Walden, Rural Church Secretary, for division among the visiting workers.

The Sunday School lesson was ably presented by W. W. Woodhouse.

Several selections of Special Music were given by Nash Singletary, Ralph Singletary, Raymond Bedsole and Rev. J. R. Burn of the Love Grove Baptist Church, after which the congregation joined in singing two old-time hymns.

Rev. R. A. Britt brought a message on "The Need of Evangelism" in which he stressed that evangelism is teaching the unsaved the way of salvation.

Rev. R. L. Edwards preached the principal sermon for the day, using as his text Luke 10:1., in which he stressed that we must re-capture the simplicity of our faith. That our religion will bring happiness, and that the happiest people today are the ones that have surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:00 P. M. by prayer led by Wilbur Singletary.

The afternoon session began at 1:30 P. M. by the congregation singing a hymn followed by a short devotion period led by R. C. Johnson.

The Clerk again called the roll of the Churches, and the Moderator recognized new pastors and visiting ministers. He then expressed appreciation to the host church for the bountiful lunch and hospitality.

Rev. A. D. Frazier then brought a message on "Plans for Evangelism" in which he stressed that your salvation never

reaches its full growth until you by word of mouth or some act cause some one else to know the plan of salvation.

Rev. John Knight, a visiting pastor, brought a message on "Those Responsible for Evangelism."

Rev. H. W. Baucom talked on "The Results of Evangelism."

The Committee on Time and Place reported and Cypress Creek Baptist Church was selected as the meeting place for the Fifth Sunday Session to be held on June 29th, 1952, with the sermon to be preached by Rev. E. F. Knight.

Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, thanked those who helped with the day's program, made a number of announcements, and the meeting was adjourned by prayer led by W. W. Woodhouse.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
Leon D. Smith, Clerk.

CYPRESS CREEK

The Fifth Sunday Session was held with Cypress Creek Baptist Church on the 29th day of June, 1952, with the General Theme being, "Baptists Working Together In His Name" with the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, presiding.

The Song Leader for the day, Frink Freeman, opened the meeting at 10:00 A. M. by leading the congregation in the singing of "Blessed Assurance" and "Love Divine", after which the opening devotion period was led by Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary.

The Roll of the Churches was then called by the Clerk, Leon D. Smith, and he also read the minutes of the last meeting and gave a financial statement of the Bladen Association.

Mrs. R. J. Hall then announced that the Bladen Baptist Association is now planning to have an encampment at the 4-H Camp at White Lake under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Priest for our boys and girls on August 8th, 9th and 10, 1952, and urged full co-operation by all the Churches. She also announced the Deacons School at Fruitland and the Preachers School at Caswell.

The Moderator appointed Gordon Walters, Willie Nance and Harold Hood as a Committee on Time and Place for the next meeting and also recognized all pastors.

The congregation then joined in singing "May God Depend on You"; after which the Sunday School Lesson was strongly presented by Earl Smith.

Rev. Joe R. Burn discussed the Ridgecrest Sunday School Conference in which he ably presented the methods to strengthen our Sunday Schools and the great need for teacher training. Mrs. C. A. Priest and Mrs. R. J. Hall added that this conference was a valuable aid to all teachers in how to best work with their classes.

Rev. E. F. Knight, Pastor of the host Church, preached the principal sermon for the day on the "Christian Ship of

State" which was forcibly and ably presented. The Scripture reading was from John 15.

After a song by the congregation and prayer led by Rev. George Denton, the group adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session began by the singing of "Come Ye That Love The Lord", and a devotion period led by Rev. Richard McDuffie.

The Moderator praised the host church for the bountiful lunch and the hospitality shown to the visiting messengers.

Special Music was presented by the Galeed Baptist Church.

Rev. F. W. Naylor and Rev. J. A. Moore brought messages about the recent Southern Baptist Convention. They stated that the theme of the convention was "Magnifying the Church" and that it was a most instructive convention to all pastors and messengers.

Special Music by Cypress Creek Baptist Church.

The Moderator recognized all new pastors in the Association.

By vote of the messengers present it was agreed that the regular Fifth Sunday Session in August would not be held.

The meeting was adjourned by prayer led by Rev. John McCrimmon.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
Leon D. Smith, Clerk

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION, LOVE GROVE

The Sixty First Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association was called to order by the Moderator, C. D. Brisson, in an atmosphere of Christian fellowship, at the Love Grove Baptist Church on the 15th day of October, 1952, at 9:30 A. M. The opening hymn was "Savior Like a Shephard Lead Us". Rev. Joe R. Burn conducted the devotional in which he stressed the fact that "the purpose of man is to glorify God", and then led in prayer.

The Clerk, Leon D. Smith, then called the roll of the churches.

The Moderator appointed W. W. Woodhouse, Roy Hester and Wilbur Singletary as a committee on Place and Preacher; Eubie Evans, Sidney Bedsole and D. A. Marshburn as an Auditing Committee and it was pointed out that R. G. Kinlaw, S. A. Bedsole, Eubie Evans, J. E. Kinlaw and W. E. Bryan had been appointed by the Executive Committee as the Nominating Committee; and also that the Petitionary Committee was composed of John A. Moore, John H. McCrimmon and Willie Ward, and that these committees would also report during the session.

Rev. W. A. Smith, Superintendent of the Kennedy Home, made a very informative talk on The Purpose of and the General Operation of Our Baptist Orphanage.

The report on The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was made by Rev. J. B. Dosher and was adopted; after which Dr. W. K. McKee of the hospital discussed the report and brought out the fact that we have the best chaplain service in our hospital that exists anywhere, and urged that whereever there is human need it is the duty of Christians to do something about it.

The Report on Christian Education was made by Rev. A. D. Frazier and was adopted after which Rev. Charles E. Parker, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Bern and Chairman of the Council on Christian Education and Mr. Oscar Creech, Associate to the president of Chowan College, gave an excellent discussion on our Christian Colleges. Also a letter was read from Mars Hill College.

Dr. Gaines M. Rogers, Dean of the Business School of Wake Forest College, brought a most interesting discussion on the Wake Forest Enlargement Program.

The Report on North Carolina Baptist Home for the Ageing was read by Mrs. Hall and adopted. Fred Nance was designated our representative to the home.

The congregation joined in singing the Hymn "Blessed Assurance".

The Sermon for the day was preached by Rev. F. W. Naylor using as the scripture reading Revelations 22:6-21, and he brought a challenging message then recessed for lunch after being led in prayer by Rev. E. S. Lingle.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began at 1:30 P. M. with the singing of the hymns "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "We're Marching to Zion", after which the Moderator thanked the host church for their fine hospitality.

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended the following: Place, Dublin First Baptist Church; Preacher, Rev. John H. McCrimmon; Alternate Preacher, Rev. Joe R. Burn. A motion was made to accept the recommendation and the motion was adopted.

By roll call vote the Churches voted to continue the Fifth Sunday Meetings. The Association then voted to have a two day and one night session at the next annual meeting with the night session stressing work among the young people, and that the Fifth Sunday Session during the months of September, October or November not be held; and requested that the Committee on Place and Preacher re-convene and recommend a Place and Preacher for the second day.

The Clerk and Treasurer made his financial report, a copy of which will be found elsewhere in these minutes, which had been approved by the Auditing Committee, and which was unanimously approved by the Association.

The Moderator appointed a committee to study the constitution and report back to the next annual meeting of the association composed of Harold Hood, A. D. Frazier and J. B. Dosher.

Rev. Richard McDuffie conducted a short devotional period in which he read some scripture and led in prayer.

The Report on State Missions was made by Rev. John A. Moore, and was adopted. Dr. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary, N. C. State Baptist Convention, then brought us a strong message on the Cooperative Program and the Nine Year Program of Advance. He stressed the fact that "North Carolina Must Be Christian".

The Report on Temperance and Public Morals was prepared by R. C. Bridger, and read by the Clerk, and adopted.

The report on W. M. U. was presented by Mrs. A. D. Frazier and adopted.

Rev. A. D. Frazier led the congregation in prayer, and the meeting recessed to meet at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M.

NIGHT SESSION

The night Session began at The Elizabethtown Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M. with the Moderator presiding and under the general theme "Youth Dedicated to Christ".

The congregation joined in singing the hymn "Loyalty to Christ."

Rev. A. D. Frazier then conducted the devotional and led in prayer, after which the Clerk called the roll of the Churches.

Rev. R. L. Edwards made the Report on the Training Union, which was adopted; and short reports were made for the Adult Department by Mrs. Pauline Bullard, for the Young Peoples Department by W. J. Green, for the Intermediate Department by Rev. R. L. Edwards, for the Junior Department by Rev. R. L. Edwards, for the Junior Department by Mrs. Wilton Hickman, and for the Primary Department by Mrs. Milton Fisher.

Special music was brought by the Elizabethtown Baptist Church Choir, followed by a film, "How Much."

The congregation then sang "All on the Altar."

The principal message of the evening was brought by Rev. R. C. Foster, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Whiteville, on the subject "Bring Forth The Best." His message was strong and inspiring.

The congregation joined in singing the hymn, "I Surrend All", after which Rev. John A. Moore led in prayer, and the meeting recessed to meet at the Clarkton Baptist Church at 9:30 A. M. the following day.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Second day of the session began on October 16th, 1952, at 9:30 A. M. at the Clarkton Baptist Church, with the Vice-Moderator, Luther Brisson, presiding, with the singing of the hymn "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

The opening devotional period was conducted by Rev. John A. Moore.

The Roll of the Churches was called by the Clerk.

The Report on Sunday Schools was made by R. C. Johnson and adopted; followed by an interesting discussion on the subject by Rev. J. T. Biddle.

The Report on Home Missions was made by Rev. R. L. Edwards and adopted; followed by an able discussion on the subject by J. T. Gillespie of the Home Mission Board.

The Report on the Brotherhood was prepared by J. E. Kinlaw, read by the Clerk, and adopted.

The Report on Foreign Missions was prepared by Rev. F. W. Naylor, presented by Rev. John H. McCrimmon, and adopted. A very able talk was made on this subject by Dr. M. Ray McKay, of the Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., using as his subject "The Gospel is the Power of God unto Salvation to Everyone that Believeth" in which he brought out his experiences in foreign fields.

The principal sermon of the day on "Stewardship" was brought by Rev. M. M. Turner, taking the scripture from Second Corinthians 8:1-5. In his message he stressed stewardship of both time and property, and said he that is careless with his time is careless with almost everything else that he has.

Rev. J. T. Biddle then led the congregation in prayer, and the meeting recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began at 1:30 P. M.with the congregation singing "We're Marching to Zion".

The Vice-Moderator thanked the host Church for the bountiful lunch and hospitality, and Rev. A. D. Frazier led in prayer.

Rev. John A. Moore made a most informative and interesting talk on Sixty Years Cooperation in the Bladen Baptist Association, and asked to be given until next year to complete his report on this subject, which time was granted by the Association.

The Report on Religious Literature was given by Rev. R. A. Britt, and adopted.

The Report on Relief and Annuity was made by W. W. Woodhouse and adopted. A discussion followed by Rev. A. D. Frazier and Rev. John H. McCrimmon in which they strongly advocated that all ministers should be under this program.

The Report on Associational Missions and Bladen Field Representative was made by Mrs. R. J. Hall, and adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Place and Preacher was presented and adopted as follows: First Days Session, Place; Dublin First Baptist Church; Preacher, Rev. John H. McCrimmon, Alternate Preacher, Rev. Joe R. Burn; Night Session: Elizabethtown Baptist Church; Second Days Session Place, Sandy Grove Baptist Church; Preacher, Rev. R. M. Walton; Alternate Preacher, Rev. E. S. Lingle. The Fifth Sunday Session to be held March 29th, 1953, with the Whites Creek Baptist Church.

The Petitionary Letter Committee presented proper application and letters from New Center Baptist Church and recommended that this Church be received into the Association. Upon proper motion and seconded they were received into the Association, and the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to the messengers.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following officers for the Bladen Baptist Association, and they were duly nominated and elected as follows:

Moderator: Leon D. Smith.
Vice-Moderator: Porter G. Cain.
Clerk & Treasurer: Rev. John A. Moore.
Executive Committee Member: Rev. E. S. Lingle.
Executive Committee Member: John H. McCrimmon.
Associational Sunday School Superintendent: R. C.Johnson.
Training Union Director: Rev. R. L. Edwards.
W. M. U. Superintendent: Mrs. A. D. Frazier.
Associational Brotherhood Superintendent: J. E. Kinlaw.
Baptist Hospital Representative: C. D. Brisson.
Chairman Evangelism Committee: Rev. A. D. Frazier.
Representative Home for the Ageing: Fred Nance.

The messenger's then voted to raise the salary of the Associational Missionary and Field Representative $300.00 per year and to place this official in the Relief and Annuity Program.

The Memorial Service for deceased members was conducted by F. T. Nance.

The messengers then voted to dedicate this years minutes to the memory of D. T. Britt, deceased, and to have his picture placed in the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. John H. McCrimmon.

C. D. Brisson, Moderator
Luther Brisson, Vice-Moderator.
Leon D. Smith, Clerk.

REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Date of	Church Received From	Purpose of Funds	Amount
11- 3-51	Transfer of Funds from	Former Clerk	$ 504.77
11- 3-51	Cypress Creek	Minutes	10.00
11- 3-51	Dublin First	Minutes	10.00
11- 3-51	Suggs Grove	Minutes	2.00
11-13-51	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
12- 6-51	Galeed	Asso. Missions	12.50
12- 8-51	White Oak	Asso. Missions	75.00
12- 8-51	Abbottsburg	Asso. Missions	15.00
12-11-51	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
12-15-51	Deacons School Dublin	Minutes	6.00
12-19-51	Bladenboro First	Minutes	50.00
12-22-51	Zion Hill	Asso. Missions	25.00
12-29-51	Elizabethtown	Asso. Missions	250.00
12-31-51	Calvary	Minutes	4.00
1- 2-52	Sandy Grove	Asso. Missions	25.00
1- 4-52	Shady Grove	Asso. Missions	15.00
1- 4-52	Clarkton	Asso. Missions	25.00
1-10-52	Hickory Grove	Asso. Missions	75.71
1-14-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
1-14-52	Abbottsburg	Minutes	10.00
1-29-52	Lisbon	Asso. Missions	10.00
1-30-52	Council	Asso. Missions	15.00
2-12-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
2-19-52	Lisbon	Asso. Missions	10.00
3-11-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
3-11-52	Shady Grove	Asso. Missions	15.00
3-28-52	Galeed	Asso. Minutes	12.50
3-28-52	Clarkton	Asso. Missions	25.00
3-29-52	Bethel	Enlargement Program	40.08
3-29-52	Bladenboro First	Enlargement Program	100.00
3-29-52	Briar Branch	Enlargement Program	27.01
3-29-52	Calvary	Enlargement Program	35.00
3-29-52	Clarkton	Enlargement Program	35.00
3-29-52	Elizabethtown	Enlargement Program	50.31
3-29-52	Lisbon	Enlargement Program	35.00
3-29-52	Riverside	Enlargement Program	78.45
3-29-52	Sandy Grove	Enlargement Program	49.20
3-29-52	Shady Grove	Enlargement Program	51.80
3-29-52	White Oak	Enlargement Program	60.00
3-29-52	Zion Hill	Enlargement Program	35.00
3-31-52	Love Grove	Enlargement Program	100.40
3-31-52	West Bladenboro	Enlargement Program	50.00
3-31-52	West Bladenboro	Asso. Missions	50.00
4- 1-52	Sandy Grove	Enlargement Program	25.06
4- 3-52	Lisbon	Asso. Missions	10.00

4- 5-52	Cypress Creek	Enlargement Program	56.56
4- 9-52	Richardson	Minutes	5.00
4- 9-52	Richardson	Asso. Missions	12.50
4-12-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
4-21-52	Calvary	Asso. Missions	17.50
4-24-52	Council	Asso. Missions	15.00
5-12-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
5-17-52	Lisbon	Asso Missions	10.00
5-20-52	Abbottsburg	Asso. Missions	10.00
5-27-52	Galeed	Asso. Missions	12.50
6-11-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
6-18-52	Lisbon	Asso. Missions	10.00
6-20-52	Abbottsburg	Asso. Missions	15.00
7- 2-52	Bladenboro First	Asso. Missions	200.00
7-11-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
7-14-52	Clarkton	Asso. Missions	25.00
7-14-52	Sandy Grove	Asso. Missions	36.50
7-23-52	Galeed	Asso. Missions	12.50
7-23-52	Council	Asso. Missions	15.00
8-14-52	State Convention	Asso Missions	90.00
8-26-52	Lisbon	Asso. Missions	10.00
8-26-52	Abbottsburg	Asso. Missions	15.00
9- 6-52	Bladenboro First	Asso. Missions	200.00
9- 9-52	Richardson	Asso. Missions	12.50
9- 9-52	Shady Grove	Asso. Missions	30.00
9-11-52	Abbottsburg	Asso. Missions	10.00
9-12-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
9-22-52	Zion Hill	Asso. Missions	75.00
9-25-52	Dublin First	Asso. Missions	52.00
9-30-52	Council	Asso. Missions	15.00
10- 1-52	Bethel	Asso. Missions	50.00
10- 1-52	Various Churches	Mission School	268.21
10- 1-52	Clarkton	Asso. Missions	25.00
10- 2-52	Various Churches	Mission School	43.70
10- 8-52	Whites Creek	Asso. Missions	50.00
10-11-52	State Convention	Asso. Missions	90.00
10-17-52	Love Grove	Asso. Missions	15.49
10-17-52	Love Grove	Asso. Missions	51.01
10-17-52	Sandy Grove	Asso. Missions	5.90
10-17-52	Bladenboro First	Mission Books	5.35
10-17-52	Bethel	Minutes	7.50
10-17-52	Bladenboro First	Minutes	20.00
10-17-52	Briar Branch	Minutes	3.00
10-17-52	Butters	Minutes	8.00
10-17-52	Calvary	Minutes	10.00
10-17-52	Council	Minutes	3.00
10-17-52	Cypress Creek	Minutes	15.00
10-17-52	Dublin First	Minutes	15.00
10-17-52	Elizabethtown	Minutes	25.00
10-17-52	Galeed	Minutes	10.00
10-17-52	Hickory Grove	Minutes	15.00
10-17-52	Lagoon	Minutes	1.50

10-17-52	Lisbon	Minutes	10.00
10-17-52	Love Grove	Minutes	11.50
10-17-52	Nat Moore	Minutes	3.00
10-17-52	New Center	Minutes	3.00
10-17-52	Riverside	Minutes	10.00
10-17-52	Sandy Grove	Minutes	5.00
10-17-52	Shady Grove	Minutes	5.00
10-17-52	Suggs Grove	Minutes	3.00
10-17-52	Tobermory	Minutes	2.00
10-17-52	West Bladenboro	Minutes	4.00
10-17-52	Whites Creek	Minutes	10.00
10-17-52	White Lake	Minutes	15.00
10-17-52	White Oak	Minutes	15.00
10-17-52	Zion Hill	Minutes	15.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		$ 4,746.51

DISBURSEMENTS

Date Of Check		
11- 3-51	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary,	$ 208.33
12- 1-51	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary,	208.33
1- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
1- 4-52	Robeson Office Supplies, Printing 1951 Minutes	300.00
2- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
3- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso Missionary	208.33
3-29-52	Henry E. Walden, Jr., Rural Church Enlargement Program	596.85
3-31-52	Henry E. Walden Jr., Rural Church Enlargement Program	150.40
4- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso Missionary	208.33
4- 1-52	Henry E. Walden, Jr., Rural Church Enlargement Program	25.06
4- 5-52	Henry E. Walden, Jr., Rural Church Enlargement Program	56.56
5- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
6- 2-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
7- 2-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
8- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
9- 6-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
10- 1-52	Mrs. R. J. Hall, Asso. Missionary	208.33
10- 2-52	Arthur R. Gallimore, Missionary's Expenses	6.45
10- 2-52	Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Leonard, Missionary's Expenses	18.25
10- 2-52	Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, Missionary's Expenses	16.48
10- 2-52	Baptist State Convention, Co-operative Fund	270.73
10- 3-52	Clerk's Expense Check	80.00
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$4,020.74

SUMMARY

Total Receipts	$ 4,746.51
Total Disbursements	4,020.74
Balance on Hand October 17th, 1952.	$ 725.77

Respectfully submitted,
Leon D. Smith,
Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1952

"And he healed many that were sick"—(Mark 1:34). This statement refers to the ministry of Jesus when he was here in the flesh. Also, it describes the ministry of our Baptist Hospital today, where hundreds of sick people go each week in search of relief from disease and sickness of almost every nature. In many cases they go as a last resort when hope has all but failed.

"And a certain woman, which . . . had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse . . . came"—(Mark 5:25). Here, again this statement concerning the woman who made her way to Jesus is the oft repeated story to those who work at our Baptist Hospital. They come saying, "We have spent all our money and we are still sick. Can our Baptist Hospital help us?"

It is the business of our hospital to do all in its power to say, "Yes", to these pleas which come out of sickness and poverty. It is our opportunity through our Mother's Day Offerings to make it possible for our Hospital to answer these calls for help from those who have little or no money. Last year, more than 10,000 people were cared for as bed patients in our Hospital. There were 95,000 visits made to the clinics for examinations and treatments. A large number of these were people who could not pay for the care they received. Much of this service could not have been provided without the help of our Mother's Day Offerings.

The construction of the new wing to the Hospital is now well advanced. This will greatly enlarge our ministry to the sick, adding 150 new beds and many other badly needed facilities. It is hoped that before this year closes every one of our churches will have done its part in helping with the cost of this building.

Our Baptist State Convention will meet in Winston-Salem, November 11-13. This will be an excellent opportunity for many of us to visit our Hospital. We shall be interested in seeing the new building, as well as the entire Hospital. Arrangements will be made for visitors to get from the meetings of the Convention to the Hospital and for guided tours through the Hospital. Plan to attend the convention and visit our Baptist Hospital if at all possible.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"—(Matt. 25:40). Let us give our best in the name of our Lord in meeting the opportunity to help sick people who need the service of our Baptist Hospital.

Hospital Representative

J. B. Dosher

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

October 15, 1952.—Loves Grove Baptist Church, Tar Heel, N. C.

I. Stastistics and Information:

During the last college year there were 47,626 students enrolled in our colleges and seminaries throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. In our seven North Carolina Baptist colleges, Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Wingate and Chowan, we had almost exactly 10% of these students. The enrollment of The School of Nursing and of The Southeastern Seminary not included.

Our colleges and seminaries train practically all our missionaries. Of the 827 working under our Foreign Board in January of this year, 806 attended a Southern Baptist College. Five out of every six of our Baptist pastors with college training came from these Baptist colleges. Regardless of what we think of our Baptist colleges and schools, we must continue to depend upon them to train the church leaders of the future. The state has made available great colleges and universities for training men and women in so many fields of work, but let us hope that our Baptist people will never turn to the state colleges for the training of their leadership. All of us, and especially the trustees of our Baptist colleges would do well to read "How Do Denominations Lose Their Colleges?" by Albert McClelland, Bibical Recorder, July 19, 1952.

Each year there are approximately 15,000 Baptist boys and girls graduating from standard high schools in North Carolina. Of these not more than 4,000 of them go to any college, and of those who do go, not more than one out of four of the Baptist boys and girls will go to a Baptist College. All of which means, that whereas 1,000 Baptist students are enrolling in our 7 Baptist colleges each year, there are 3,000 others enrolling in other colleges. Further, there are at least 11,000 young people, Baptists, graduating from high school each year who do not go to any college. (Statistics—Counc. On Christ. Educ.)

For example: in one church in our association last year there were 16 students in college and only 3 in Baptist Colleges.

II. INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION:

Baptists have need for grave concern at this point. In Eccl. 1:18b "He who increases in knowledge increases in sorrow" which is most certainly true if knowledge of and reckoning with God are ommitted.

Example 1. In Communist-dominated countries:

A seven-year-old boy from the 1st grade just out of Hungary:

Question. "What did you learn in school?"

Answer: 'Everything. The cat, the cow, the dog, and

the beasts.
Q. "Who set Hungary free?"
A. "The Soviet soldiers and the Party."
Q. "Do you know who Stalin is?"
A. "Stalin is the great leader of the Soviet People."
Q. "What did you learn about Korea?"
A. "We learned that the American soldiers bomb and fight there against the Soviets and the Koreans. The Koreans worked on their rice fields peaceful, but now they are very poor.
Q. "Who will win?"
A. "The Soviet People. They are stronger than the Americans, and Stalin leads them.
Q. "Do you know who God is?"
A. "I do not yet know.
—Time, August 6, 1951.

Example 2: "It is evident that an effort is being made to kill religion at its roots in Yugoslavia. Children in the schools are asked if they went to church on the previous Sunday, or if they believe in God. If they reply in the affirmative, they are mocked and ridiculed" Geo. Sadler, World Digest, Sept. 1952.

Example 3: "Southern Baptist must emphasize Christian Education. Listen to Dr. Roy Smith, nationally known educator and student of current affairs. "There are four great Ph. D. factories in this nation. Harvard, Yale, Columbia and the University of California. The University of California has more than 2,200 members on its faculty. The Ministerial Association of Berkley, California made this astounding revelation: "of the more than 2,200 members of the faculty of the University, not as many as 27 were active in any church." What is true in this great university is equally true to a larger or a smaller degree in nearly all our educational institutions. This being true, then our job is cut out for us. A Christian college throws about youth influences which help them to rightly interpret life, and how greatly that help is needed now." The Baptist Program, Oct. 1952.

(Parenthetically, the president of one of these institutions, on leave, seeking the highest political office in our land, has not indicated that he considers Christianity worth the trouble to openly embrace it, or to commit himself to.)

Also, not all of our preachers have embraced the idea, that the call to preach carries with it the call to prepare and train for service.

Conclusion:

God uses information, education and knowledge.

1. "And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in his words and deeds". Acts. 7:22—This plus an encounter with God and obedience to Him made Moses the man he was.

2. Saul of Tarsus, learned pharisee, student of Gamaliel, was trained by the best instructors of his day, and was ready

to rightly interpret Christ when the time came.

When any one, person or nation depends on information he gets what it can do.

When one depends on Knowledge, he gets what knowledge can do.

When he depends on Science he gets what science can do.

When he depends on Education, he gets what education can do.

But, when knowledge, information, science and education are flavored with, joined to, and combined with God in Christ in that process known as Christian Education then we get what God can do.

We are blind until we see, that in the Divine plan
Nothing is worth making if it does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious, if man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the world—unless the builder also grows.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. FRAZIER

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR THE AGING—RESTHAVEN, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

Operation of Resthaven was begun March 16, 1951. Soon after the opening, it was filled to capacity, twenty residents. When the news spread of the beginning, applications began to accumulate rapidly. To date, there have been close to 500 inquiries. Had there been rooms available, and all applicants could have made financial arrangement, our Home would have had 200 residents instead of only twenty at present.

There is encouraging prospect of getting the top floor of the present building completed, which will provide space for fifteen additional residents. The cost of this enlargement project has been underwritten by a business man of Winston-Salem, who is not a Baptist. This same friend has already donated a television set and has concreted the basement of the Home.

Our residents range in age from 64 to 92 years, and come from widely scattered sections of our State—Franklin to Elizabeth City. All rejoice in the opportunity to be in the Home. Here are some of their statements

"I like this good Christian Home and all the family. I would not exchange it for any other in all the world."
—Mrs. J. L. Smith, coming from Franklin.

"This 'more than we expected' about this Home makes us all hope and pray that more men and women may come to enjoy its many blessings."—Miss Ella Moffett, coming from Southern Pines.

"I never thought I would be so happy in my last years of life."—John Holt, age 92, coming from Wilson Mills.

In spite of the fact that Resthaven did not receive financial assistance last year from the Baptist State Convention (except a loan which was repaid), it was operated clear of a deficit. How did this happen? By the Lord laying our needs upon the hearts of friends and causing them to respond. Of course, the Home was compelled to charge the cost of keep from the residents who came on the monthly-pay plan. The income from this source, together with that coming from residents giving property or cash for their maintenance, plus donations by churches and auxiliary organizations and friends, enabled the Home to pay its way and to accumulate assets in excess of $100,000.00.

Beginning the year 1952, with the new Nine Year Program, our Home receives three-fourths of 1% of the funds to be divided. From this source has come less than $500.00 per month since January of this year. The Home is estimated to receive a total of approximately $500,000.00 in NINE YEARS. It is apparent, therefore, that slow provision for enlarged facilities will be made to accommodate the hundreds of aging people who want to come to our Home, unless funds come from other sources than our denominational program as it now operates.

Our Home presents a great challenge to North Carolina Baptists to provide adequate facilities. There are probably 100,000 people in our State past 65 years of age, and a large number of these are of Baptist faith. We must make provision as time and finances permit for these aging Baptists. Since Baptists of our State now number more than 700 000 in membership, we are well able to make such provision. If every Baptist would give an average of $1.00 to our Home in one year, we could raise $700,000.00 and not one person would suffer hardship. As soon as a practical and adequate plan of support can be agreed upon, it is reasonable to expect that our Baptist Home will be worthily supported.

Many suggestions have been made as to the best plan of supporting our Home. Among them are: (1) Fifth Sunday offerings through the Sunday schools, as the Virginia Baptist Home plan; (2) special day offering, as the Mother's Day plan for our Baptist Hospital; and (3) putting the Home in the local church budget, and appealing to the churches that have no budget for at least one special offering a year.

Either of these plans, supplemented by such special gifts as may come from individuals and corporations, and provision made in wills, would enable the Home to make reasonable progress, and thus enlarge our facilities on the pay-as-you-go plan.

We are closing our report with a statement made by a prominent furniture manufacturer, Mr. B. C. Philpott, of Lexington, N. C.

> 'I consider this one of the most important forward steps the Baptists of North Carolina have taken in a long time, because it is indeed a great move and one

that has been neglected all too long.

Mrs. Philpott and I want to have a part in this fine undertaking, and herewith you will find my check for one thousand ($1,000.00) dollars, which we desire used as a memorial to our son, B. C. Philpott, Jr.

May the Lord continue to bless you in such a noble work."

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40).

Prepared by
James M. Hayes, Supt.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

The goal and objective of State Missions may be stated thus:

"NORTH CAROLINA MUST BE CHRISTIAN"

In many places one observes that what was predicted some fifty years ago, namely, "Coldness within and iniquity without," has come to pass. This is not to say that there is not also a lot of iniquity within. It is the overall purpose of State Missions, working through churches, Sunday schools, young people, to prevent such a thing happening. A sort of creeping paralysis has already taken the northern part of our country in particular. The same thing will happen here unless as Christians we are alert.

In order to accomplish this overall purpose the State Mission program embraces many activities, and these may be stated as follows:

S Sunday School Work
T Training Union Work
A Assemblies
T Teaching Activities (Visual Education, Radio,etc)
E Evangelism (City and Association-wide Revivals)

M New and Needy Churches.
I Work Among the Indians
S Schools for Ministers
S Work Among Silent People
I Interracial Activities
O Other Activities—Allied Church League, Rural Church, Etc.
N Neglected Areas (Lots for New Churches)
S Student Work Among 15,000 Baptist Students

Renewed emphasis is being given to work among the rural churches. A significant statement was made recently to this effect: In a period of three generations, or about one hundred years, it is likely that 1,000 people living in the country will have six times as many descendants as the same number of people living in the larger cities. This certainly is one of the reasons why the Catholics, who in the past have centered their activities in the cities, are now moving into the rural

areas. Baptists now compose about one-half of the total church population. If we are wise everything possible must be done to build great country churches.

State Missions has many passing needs but perhaps the most pressing right now is some $50,000 with which to buy lots where new churches should be established and another $50,000 above what is now being received for State Missions with which to supplement the salaries of pastors to minister to the churches and thus get the work going.

Let it be remembered that State Missions is not just one object, but is a program of some eighteen activities. A special offering during September and October of $150,000 is perhaps the greatest need of our North Carolina Baptist Program.

Respectfully Submitted,
John A. Moore

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND PUBLIC MORALS

As far back as history is recorded, the issue and problems of Morals and Temperance have been in the limelight as one of our greatest concerns, as a Church and as a Nation. The Bible has much space devoted to the subjects, and in our press and Pulpits we are reminded daily of the seriousness of the complications which result from the lack of these. In considering Temperance, we visualize Moderation, Patience, Sobriety and Abstinence; and Morals as something having to do with the conduct of our lives. It requires no stretch of the imagination to see that these two are synonymous, and actually go hand in hand. In our every day living we probably recognize experiences that develop into conditions of intemperance. This can occur in our thinking, our feelings in business as well as in our social activities. Any of these that reach beyond the bounds of reasonableness come into this classification. In such conduct we damage our mind to a point where it is not difficult the next time to let our emotions go beyond that point of sensibility. Such continuity can eventually break down all barriers to clear and sound thinking, which only can offer us a sober and realistic decision. This application holds true in all phases of our every day existence.

Our nation at this moment is in the grip of a great political campaign, which in all possibility, the outcome will determine a definite pattern for us and our off-spring for years and maybe centuries to come. We see and hear things that cause us to wonder if our country is on a sound basis of Morals and Temperance. The politicians fighting back at each other. The uncovering of past records, indicating a looseness in their methods of conduct; uncovering looseness in the present administration indicating a total lack of Morals. Why, we ask, do these conditions exist in a supposedly Christian and Democratic country, which was founded on a basis of strict Morals and Temperance. There are solutions to these

evils, we know. We as a Christian nation and people should demand a leaning more towards the level of the principles upon which our great country was founded. Through Divine guidance this goal can be achieved. We must select the proper leaders in the various fields of our government, schools and civic organizations. We as layman as well as our Clergy can put forth greater efforts. As parents, the foundation befitting our responsibility can create in our children the absolute necessity of a clear and sober mind. It is an unending task, we must meet the challenge with determination. There can be no compromise.

Our main purpose on earth is to do some good for our fellow man. Permitting the Morals of our world to sink to lower levels, places the blame on us, not only of failing to fulfill one of our direct obligations, but that of neglecting one of our greatest responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Bridger

REPORT OF BLADEN BAPTIST W. M. U. FOR 1952

Half of this report by all rights belongs to Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr., our retiring Associational Superintendent. Here we pay tribute to her who led us well and saw for us a greater service for the Lord in Woman's Missionary Union.

When we consider that in 27 of our 30 churches we have had 1140 women and children active in mission organizations and that these have contributed to missions around the world over and above their local church budgets $2,975.59, we have cause to be very grateful to God.

These two large numbers are the result of a great deal of effort and prayer. The individual societies are children's organizations have worked diligently in their own communities. Committees have been at work. The Community Missions Committee led by Mrs. R. A. Britt, the Mission Study Committee led by Mrs. G. W. Hester, and the Stewardship Committee led by Mrs. W. G. Gilchrist and Mrs. J. S. Allen have kept ever before us the three-fold emphasis of the great commission—giving, studying, and witnessing. The Young People's Committee led by Mrs. C. A. Priest with Mrs. Wilfred King, Mrs. John A. Moore, Mrs. Boyd Hammer, Mrs. W. G. Fussell, and Rev. Joseph Burn have inspired our boys and girls with such thrilling experiences as the Y. W. A. County Council, a three day camp for Juniors and Intermediates (with over 100 in attendance), and an associational study course for Sunbeams, all of which has helped to make Christ and the world outside ourselves very real to our young people.

Behind many of our successes has been the constant assistance and loving interest of Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary and Associate Superintendent of W. M. U.

Truly we have been blessed in Jerusalem and Judea. Let us ever be mindful that the challenge is "Christ for the whole wide world."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. A. D. Frazier.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

It has been gratifying to note the progress that has been made in Training Union work in Bladen Association during the past year, and the increased interest shown by the churches in our Training Union work.

According to the associational letters, there are 23 churches with Training Unions, an increase of 4 over the previous year. There are 91 individual unions, an increase of 28; and the total enrolment is 1,454, an increase of 354.

During the past year the Associational Training Union has been organized with workers for each department. We have held quarterly business meetings, quarterly program planning meetings, and four mass meetings. The attendance at these meetings has been gratifying, but not as good as we hope it will be during the coming year.

At our associational mass meeting in March much interest was shown in the various tournaments. None of our Training Union members participated in the Regional Tournaments held at the Whiteville Baptist Church last spring, but a large number of our people attended. This meeting was an inspiration to the Training Unions in our association. We hope that we will have some participants next year.

Our "M" (mobilization) Night Meeting was held in the First Baptist Church of Dublin with an attendance of 332. This was the largest number of people ever to attend an 'M" Night program in this association.

We have stressed study course work in our Training Unions this year, and a number of the churches have had study courses, with many receiving awards. We hope a greater number of our churches will have study courses this year and a larger number of people will receive awards for their work.

Our Training Union work will progress, and our people will grow as Christians and develop as church members in proportion to our study of God's Word and His work. The Training Union promotes such study.

Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Edwards.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT
TO
THE BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The important place which the Suday School fills in the church is recognized by every church member. It is the main source of our church membership. It is the organization of the church in which the Bible is the textbook and its eternal truths are taught to both the young and the old. It is from Sunday School activities that our future lay leaders, pastors, and future missionaries will receive much of their inspiration to devote themselves to Christian service.

We feel that there is a growing interest in Sunday School work on the part of the people of the Bladen Association. Evidence of this has been demonstrated by the attendance and enthusiasm shown at the two mass meetings and the two meetings of officers, teachers and pastors which have been held this year. There has been an increase in Sunday School membership of 614 members during the past year. This is a very encouraging increase.A planning meeting was held in September and plans were made for a big Sunday School year which has just begun.

However, despite this feeling of optimism, we realize that there is much yet to be achieved. Last year the average attendance was only 56% of the number enrolled. There is a very great need for new departments to be organized in many churches in order to reach those whom we do not at present reach. For example, it is possible for every church to have an extension department for those members who, because of sickness or some other reason, find it impossible to attend Suday School. Another need is for more teachers and leaders to take the study courses being offered each year. A trained teacher is a better teacher, and we feel that by improving our teaching we can have better Sunday Schools which will draw the pupils in and hold them.

Goals have been set up for this year by individual churches. We urge you to put forth every effort to reach those goals. We recommend that each church include striving for the standard of excellence as a part of its goal. We also recommend that the Association adopt as its goal the Associational Sunday School Standard as proposed by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We feel that the adoption of this standard will result in closer unity of Sunday School work in the churches. Greater efforts from the workers to do better work, make the work definite, and insure a well rounded program of work.

We are looking forward to a great Sunday School year. With God's help and sincere and prayerful efforts exerted by his people, great things can be accomplished. All of our Sunday school efforts are centered in winning people to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger C. Johnson.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Jesus, in his commission to the disciples after the resurrection, said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". This seems to have been the aim of the Home Mission Board ever since it was organized in 1845. Since that time the Board has had an average of 466 missionaries in the field every day. This is equivalent to more than 25 workers in the field continuously since the resurrection of our Lord. These missionaries have reported 1,080,124 professions of faith during this period of years and 10,544 churches constituted.

The average receipts of the Board since its organization have been $370,873 per year. The total receipts for 1951 were $2,379,317.74. The missionaries report one baptism for every $36.65 invested in Home Missions.

The territory served by the Home Mission Board extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, including the three western states of California, Oregon, and Washington. The Board has work as far north as Alaska and as far south as Cuba.

In carrying out the commission of preaching the gospel to every creature, the Board has work among the French, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Negroes, and Jews. There are more than 8,500,000 foreign speaking people in our convention territory, 95 per cent of whom are unevangelized.

The board not only does work among foreign groups but it also operates good will centers and rescue missions in several of the large cities to help the native Americans find Christ.

Other phases of our Home Mission work include: eight workers among the 70,000 deaf in the territory, two couples working among one million migrant workers, work among the mountain people, sharecroppers, displaced persons, and the mill hands of the South. The Board also has a rural mission program in cooperation with the state mission boards to revitalize the country churches. This does not end the work of the Board for the Chaplains Commission has endorsed 387 Chaplains who are not in active service. These chaplains reported 10.646 conversions in 1951.

The Home Mission Board has 856 missionaries. Three hundred five students helped with the work in the summer of 1951. This made a total of 1,170 workers in 1951, with a gain in missionary personnel of 145 over 1950.

The missionaries reported 669 new missions opened, 239 new churches constituted, and 36,390 conversions in 1951. This report is gratifying, but there is a need for 1,025 new missionaries during the next four years.

The responsibilities of the Board are greater today than ever before. Since 1940 the territory served by the convention has increased 78 per cent, and the population 44 per cent. There are 40,000,000 unchurched people in this territory.

The growth of Communism, atheism, and materialism in our territory makes an advance program in Home Missions even more urgently needed.

Truly, the fields are white unto harvest, so let us give sacrifically to support our Home Mission program, that world mission enterprise may be strengthened and the Kingdom of God extended.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Edwards.

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The unprecedented growth of the Brotherhood movement during recent years has added great man-power strength to the churches and the denominations. The enlisted man-power has brought the greatest results in soul-winning and stewardship.

There are two active Brotherhoods in the churches of the Bladen Association. On a recent Sunday in one of the churches that has a Brotherhood, the Brotherhood had charge of the entire morning worship hour, and it was inspiring to see what these laymen can do.

Some of the aims and objectives of the Brotherhood should be:

1. Loyalty to Christ, to the church, and to the pastor as leader of its work.
2. Cooperation with every agency and organization of the church and denomination.
3. Constant emphasis upon consecration to Christian stewardship of home, self, substance and service.
4. A greater emphasis upon individual and group evangelism.
5. A wider and deeper study of the missionary, educational and benevolent work of Southern Baptist in the state, the homeland, and throughout the world.
6. An aggressive effort to reach, win, and develop boys through Christian companionship and guidance
7. Tithes and offerings brought regularly into the church and special offerings in emergencies.
8. A continuing effort to promote Christian fellowship, and to enlist, organize, and utilize all the men of all our churches in active Christian service.

Is is readily seen from this list of the aims and objectives that the Brotherhood activities are to be centered in the work of the church and denomination. It must ever be so if the organization is to fill the high purpose for which it exists.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. Kinlaw.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—1952
Submitted October 1952

Dr. W. O. Carver is his book, "Missions in the Plan of the Ages," says that "Missions began in the heart of God." God,

way back in eternity planned the great mission program. He instituted this program when He sent His precious Son down here on the special mission of redeeming the souls of men. Just before Jesus returned to the Father, He said to His disciples, "As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." If we be Christians then we are His disciples and the Great Commission is for us as well as these early New Testament Christians.

We, as Southern Baptist, pride ourselves of our name, "Missionary Baptist." However, we seem to have fallen short of our name in practice in the years past. It is true that we had a period of advancement in the past ten years that was born in persecution. When World War II came along, most of our missionaries in the Orient were thrown into prison camps. It was then that the Foreign Mission Board began to thrust out missionaries into other fields, especially into our neighboring republics, Mexico, Central and South America. So you see history repeats itself—Acts. 8-4, "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

The period between World War II and the present conflict was short. All of our missionaries again vacated China proper. They fled to the Philippines and from there were deployed to several Islands of the Sea, Korea, Malaya, Okinawa, Indonesia, Thailand, India and some to Japan. Already they have established churches in these places.

According to Dr. Baker J. Cauthen unlimited opportunities for advancement abound in Japan. Seldom in the history of Christianity has there been a more favorable time for presenting the message of Christ to a great nation. The tragedies of war in the past and the knowledge that only the message of Christ can secure peace for the future give urgency to our missionary task in this country. Our missionary staff is being reinforced at a rapid rate. The objective to enlarge to over one hundred has already been accomplished. These missionaries are placed in the forty prefectures on the two main Islands where many of the colleges and other educational institutions are located. The cities themselves constitute a vast field for evangelism. Our missionaries are majoring in evangelism, planting of strong, self-supporting churches throughout the land.

Not only in the Orient and the Islands of the Sea are we advancing, but all along the line we are making steady propress. We have thirty new missionaries in South America who are studying the language. Along with all the Roman Catholic persecution in Colombia and other Central and South American countries, this is the largest number of new missionaries to reach those countries in one year.

Our advance in Africa, Europe and the Near East is of great interest also. We have entered several new areas in Nigeria, one of the most fruitful being the Mohammedan section. We have also two missionary couples working in

southern Rhodesia. One of the most outstanding things to happen in Europe of interest to Southern Baptists was the establishing of the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland in the fall of 1949. There we are training pastors for all of that part of the world to go into their own "Jerusalem" and witness. This Seminary has already become the rallying center of the Baptist life in all Europe.

The Near East is one of our newest fields with stations in Lebanon, Syria, and Nazareth in Israel. Our missionaries in that part of the world have an opportunity to work among the Arabs as well as the Jewish people. The young people and children in Jerusalem are reached by means of Bible classes. There is a great demand for Hebrew Bibles and New Testaments. Recent word comes from our missionaries who are working in Lebanon telling about the revival fire burning in that country, with many conversions in recent revivals.

In closing this report let me say in the words of Cecil Rhodes, "So little done: so much to do." "So few fields entered; so much harvest to be reaped."

Respectfully submitted,
Fernie William Naylor

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

Second Timothy 2:15 "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

To be an approved churchman, Christian or religious leader one must be informed about the word of God, The Holy Bible. This information refered to is obtained only through the reading and studying of the Bible and literature published by instutions founded on the teaching of the New Testament.

The winning of the people to Christ and the training and development of our people must be carried on principally through preaching, teaching, and the use of good religious literature. We must place in the hands of the people religious literature in the form of tracts, magazines and books. The Bible, of course, occupies the chief place in our list of literature.

The immence volume of literature produced by Southern Baptist covers the fields of Bible study, Sunday School and Training Union work, W. M. U., Brotherhood, Home and Foreign Missions, etc. We must encourage our people to read and study the various types of literature which help us to understand and teach the Bible and which offer inspiration and guidance in Christian living and service. Unique in this list in the State Baptist paper, The Bibical Recorder, because it seeks to promote and support all phases of our Baptist work, both at home and abroad.

Sept. 30, 1952 was marked on many calendars as a day of great moment. The day when copies of the new Revised

Standard Version of the Bible was made available to the public. This revised standard version of the Bible does not change the divine meaning, but speaks it in a language that we understand today and not in a vocabulary of the Elizabethan age.

We commend it to you.

Respectfully submitted,
Rufus A. Britt.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

This Board has been set up to provide annuities for ministers and church employees who participate on reaching retirement age, sixty-five, or after. Each member pays into the fund 4% of the salary received and the church or churches he serves pay an equal amount. The Convention adds to this, so that in each year of membership there is set aside an amount to build up the annuity equal to 9% of the actual salary paid on. Funds are handled by our own Board, they earn interest, and nobody makes a profit. In case of disability before retirement an annuity is paid in proportion to the salary on which payments have been made, not to exceed $500. The retirement disability is in proportion to the salary upon which a member paid and this will reach 50% by 1956.

As part of this plan a widow is provided an annuity of one-half what the member received if the husband dies after retirement.

In addition there is also the Widow's Supplemental Plan which is optional and in addition to the Ministers Retirement plan.

For this plan the member pays 1½% of salary into the supplemental fund and the Convention adds an equal amount, so that for this purpose there is set aside 3% of the salary of the member. Thus an annuity is built for the widow of a memmer who dies before the age of retirement, ranging from 20% to 40%, depending upon the length of time of participation.

At present there are several score of ministers and some widows receiving annuities. We urge that more churches and ministers should cooperate in this wonderful plan so that provision will be made for those ministers who are forced to retire because of age or physical disability and who far too often have not been able to make provision for the sunset years of life. This plan is a simple matter of cooperation by churches, pastors and the Southern Baptist Convention to provide some degree of financial security for retiring ministers and their widows without placing undue burden upon any party to the plan. On the other hand, unless pastors in active service, with the help of the denomination, provide retirement benefits, it is very doubtful that the Board will be able to care for them from relief funds.

Respectfully submitted
W. W. Woodhouse.

REPORT OF BLADEN FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

"Praise God from whom all Blessings flow", as we look back over the year and realize anew how God has led and blessed is the work we have undertaken together for Him, my heart melts in gratitude to Him.

The work with the churches of the Bladen Association this year has been most gratifying. The Associational officers, Pastors, and members of the churches have been very cooperative and helpful in every undertaking.

Several unusually good meetings have been held this year. Some of these which will not likely be mentioned by others reporting are first, the Rev. E. L. Bradley, Field Representatives of the State Mission Board spoke to Deacons and other interested persons in the Dublin First, White Oak, and Zion Hill churches. Second, The Rural Church Enlargement Revival held in March, when Dr. H. E. Walden, Secretary of Rural Church Enlargement Dept. of the State Convention, with seventeen other pastors spent a week in seventeen churches in our association taking and tabulating a census and studying the needs and possibilities of each church, as well as bringing helpful messages each night. The recommendations made to these churches have been as tonic to many of the churches. Third, the School of Missions held in September. The visiting speakers were all foreign missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Powell, to Nigeria, Africa, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Leonard to China, and Rev. Arthur Gallimore, formerly to China. These servants of God were a great blessing to our churches. They spoke each night in the five different groups of churches into which our 30 churches had been grouped. Preceding each missionary speaker a forty-five minute mission study class was participated in by the different age groups of adults, young people, intermediates, juniors, and primaries. The messages brought by these, by word and picture, will continue to bless our people and bear good fruit.

The fifth Sunday Meetings held in December, March and June were well attended and afforded opportunities to keep the progress of the work and plans for the future before our people.

A Vacation Bible School Clinic was held at Clarkton May 1st. Mr. L. L. Morgan, Mrs. Myra Motley, and Miss May Bomar, of the State Sunday Dept., were our guests. This is the first time state workers have been in our association for a V. B. S. Clinic. We are grateful for their coming. A similar meeting was planned with local leaders for the colored churches near Bladenboro in early summer. As a result there were 28 V. B. S. held in our county. One of these was held at New Center Church, one over Collie Swamp by the Representative and Mrs. Bertha Smith of Lagoon Church, and one held in the Colored Baptist Church, Bladenboro.

The "Off to College" program August 29, held at Dublin

Church with the college students having the program and Rev. James W. Ray as guest speaker, was mighty well received by our people.

The work of promoting all phases of our church life, the planning, mimeographing, and mailing of programs and bulletins as well as attending meetings for each group organization takes much of my time. Help was given in taking census at West Bladenboro, Butters, and the community around Armour where Council has since begun a Sunday School. A Sunday School is being held each Sunday on the Pittman Road at Mrs. Lucy Butler's home. Mrs. Clara B. Wall is sharing the responsibility with your Representative in this. Working with Mrs. R. A. Britt, Community Missions Chairman, for the W. M. U. Association, Sunday School is held each Sunday at the Thompson Rest Home, by different churches in the association. Services have been held in the Prison Camp and jail.

A summary of the year's work in figures follows: 16,824 miles traveled, 4,000 copies of monthly bulletins mailed and distributed, 289 meetings or services in the association, 16 meetings outside the association, 10 conversions, and the necessary cards, letters, and phone calls, and conferences to accomplish the above. The task of Associational Field worker is great and while it has been real work I still would like to say "thank you" for the wonderful privilege for service.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. R. J. Hall.

PETITIONARY LETTER

New Center Baptist Church
Bladenboro, N. C.

Bladen Baptist Association
In Session at Love's Grove Baptist Church
Tar Heel, N. C.
Brethren:

The New Center Baptist Church, located on Highway 131 four miles south of Bladenboro, hereby makes application for admission into Bladen Baptist Association.

The members of New Center Baptist Church believe their faith and practice to be in keeping with the other Baptist Churches of Bladen Baptist Association. We have formally subscribed to the standard Church Covenant, and have unanimously adopted the principles set forth in the New Hampshire Declaration of Faith, as the standard of our faith and practice.

It will be our purpose to cooperate as fully as we can, with the Baptist program, as promoted by Bladen Association,

the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Southern Baptist Convention, realizing that Christ's commission to "make disciples of all nations" can not be carried out by one church alone, but by all the churches working together.

This application approved in Church Conference, September 14, 1952.

Tilman Stephens, Moderator.

Mrs. J. J. Ransom, Church Clerk.

HISTORICAL TABLE—BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Brown's Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at that meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized Bladen Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of the introduct. Sermon
1	1892	Mt. Pleasant	William Brunt	H. B. Register	W. S. Melvin
2	1893	Cypress Creek	William Brunt	H. B. Register	A. J. Brodax
3	1894	Galeed	William Brunt	F.S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
4	1895	White Oak	William Brunt	F.S. Averitt	William Brisson
5	1896	Hickory Grove	William Brunt	F.S. Averitt	William Brunt
6	1897	Clarkton	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	C. E. Beard
7	1898	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
8	1899	Frenches Creek	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	E. J. Edwards
9	1900	Mt. Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	W. S. Ballard
10	1901	Garland	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	H. C. Dillard
11	1902	Galeed	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
12	1903	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F.S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
13	1904	Shady Grove	William Brunt	F.S. Averitt	A. H. Porter
14	1905	White Lake	William Brunt	F.S. Averitt	J. S. Farmer
15	1906	Hickory Grove	R. M. Hilburn	F.S. Averitt	H. B. Humphrey
16	1907	White Oak	R. M. Hilburn	F.S. Averitt	P. T. Britt
17	1908	Abbottsburg	R. M. Hilburn	F.S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
18	1909	White Lake	R. M. Hilburn	F.S. Averitt	P. O. Meeks
19	1910	Mt. Zion	R. M. Hilburn	F.S. Averitt	A. L. Betts
20	1911	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F.S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgepeth
21	1912	Bethel	W. W. Woodhouse	F.S. Averitt	J. M. Flemming
22	1913	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F.S. Averitt	J. M. Hester
23	1914	Bladenboro	N. A. Layton	F.S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
24	1915	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F.S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
25	1916	Bethel	N. A. Layton	F.S. Averitt	J. D. Howell
26	1917	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F.S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
27	1918	Elizabethtown	N. A. Layton	F.S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
28	1919	White Oak	R. E. Powell	F.S. Averitt	R. E. Powell
29	1920	Center Road	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	E. O. Johnson
30	1921	Elizabethtown	R. E. Powell	D. B. Johnson	R. E. Powell
31	1922	Hickory Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
32	1923	White Oak	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. D. Pridgen
33	1924	Galeed	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
34	1925	Love's Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
35	1926	Clarkton	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
36	1927	White Oak	R. J. Hester	Seth Lewis	L. E. Dutton
37	1928	White's Creek	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
38	1929	Bladenboro	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
39	1930	Clarkton		Seth Lewis	W. A. Coleman
40	1931	Elizabethtown	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
41	1932	Hickory Grove	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	R. J. Hall
42	1933	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. R. Hinton
43	1934	Abbottsburg	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. A. Paul
44	1935	White Oak	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. C. Hough
45	1936	Tar Heel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	Joel Johnson
46	1937	Sandy Grove	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
47	1938	Center Road	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
48	1939	White Lake	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. B. Horne
49	1940	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	M. O. Alexander
50	1941	Zion Hill	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. H. Canady
51	1942	White's Creek	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	R. F. Marshburn
52	1943	Galeed	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	S. R. Goodman
53	1944	Clarkton	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	B. H. Laughridge
54	1945	Hickory Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. S. Smith
55	1946	Bladenboro	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. D. Frazier
56	1947	Cypress Creek	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. P. Stevens
57	1948	Shady Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. P. Burchett
58	1949	Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	B. W. Howell
59	1950	Lisbon	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	John A. Moore
60	1951	Center Roads	C. D. Brisson	R. A. Britt	J. B. Dosher
61	1952	Love Grove	C. D. Brisson	Leon D. Smith	F. W. Naylor
		Elizabethtown and Clarkton			R. C. Foster M. M. Turner

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES John A. Moore, Clerk, Clarkton, N. C. Leon D. Smith, Moderator Elizabethtown, N. C.	GAINS		LOSSES		TOTAL		SPECIAL INFORMATION				
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	No. Known Roman Catholics to Join Church in Year
Abbottsburg	V	1871	1-3	H. B. Bennett, Shallotte	2	1		71	25	96	2	5	No	No	
Beards Chapel	R	1890	2-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	2	1				92	2	7	No	No	
Bethel	R	1882	1-2-3-4		11	6	2	163	26	189	2	10	No	No	
Bladenboro First	T	1911	1-2-3-4	John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	3	9	11	319	55	374	1	80	No	Yes	
Briar Branch	R	1898	1-3	George Denton, Fayetteville	2					68					
Butters	V	1932	1-2-3-4	Richard McDuffie, Elizabethtown		2		80	33	113	2	8	No	No	
Calvary	R	1939	2-4	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro			17	39	20	59	1		No	No	
Center Roads	R	1885	2-4	Bob Harris, Franklinton	25	1	14	264	20	284	2		No	No	
Clarkton	T	1884	1-2-3-4	John A. Moore, Clarkton	12	17	3	221	66	287	1		No	No	
Council	V		1-2-3-4	J. B. Dosher, Kelly	2	7	8	115	51	166	2	15	No	No	
Cypress Creek	R	1853	1-3	E. F. Knight, Kerr	12	8	3	179	10	189	2		No	No	
Dublin First	V	1951	1-2-3-4	R. L. Edwards, Dublin	37	28	1	176	19	194	1	7	No	No	
Elizabethtown	T	1903	1-2-3-4	A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown	15	18	17	503	57	558	2	50	No	No	
Galeed	R	1876	2-4	Joel Johnson, Fairmont		2	4	275		275	1		No	No	
Hickory Grove	R	1834	1-2-3-4	R. L. Edwards, Dublin			5	218		218		18	No	No	
Lagoon	R	1896	2	J. B. Dosher, Kelly				12	13	25	1		No	No	
Lisbon	R	1872	1-3	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	3	11	2	141	30	171	1				
Love Grove	R	1872	2-4	J. R. Burn, Tar Heel	5	3	6	235		235	2	9	Yes	No	1
Nat Moore	R	1914	2	N. B. Edge, Fayetteville			5	47	10	57	1				
New Center	R	1947	2-4	Holland Hughes, Bladenboro				53	1	54	1		No	No	
Richardson	R	1914	1-3	John A. Moore, Clarkton	4	1	2	62	26	88	1		No	No	
Riverside	R	1924	2-4	M. M. Turner, Ingold				70	41	111	1	5	Yes	No	
Sandy Grove	R	1876	2-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro		6	6	191	9	200	2	26	Yes	No	
Shady Grove	R	1880	2-4	R. M. Walton, Wilmington	12	2	6	145	38	183	2	4	No	Yes	
Suggs Grove	R	1868	2-4	George Denton, Fayetteville	1	3		64	77	141	1	10	No	No	
Tobermory	R	1937	2-4	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	12		1	53	33	86	3	3	No	No	
West Bladenboro	V	1917	1-2-3-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro		2	3	151		151	1	18	No	No	
Whites Creek	R	1914	2-4	Bob Harris, Raeford	3		2	112		112					
White Lake	R	1846	1-3			4		56	48	104		1		Yes	
White Oak	V	1853	1-2-3-4		13	3	7	138	85	223	1		No	No	
Zion Hill	R	1886	1-2-3-4	E. S. Lingle, Bladenboro	5	1	5	139	15	160	2	19	No	No	
Total[1]					181	136	130	4,292	808	5,263	41	295			

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES R. C. Johnson, Associational Supertendent, Bladenboro	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT													V. B. S.	
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrolment
Abbo'tsburg	Billie McKeithan, Abbottsburg			20	30	30	20		46				146	Yes	1	85
Beards Chapel	Gaddie Norris, Garland			21	12	16	13	33	37		2		134			87
Bethel	Thomas Carroll, Dublin			20	22	22	41	56	51		15		227	Yes	1	89
Bladenboro First	J. J. Fittman, Bladenboro		33	23	38	48	31	10	126		3		312	No	1	151
Briar Branch	Grad Bryan, Parkersburg				12	10	14		16				52			
Butters	Mrs. Ross Edwards, Bladenboro, Route 1			24		24		34	29				111	No		56
Calvary	W. B. Warner, Clarkton				12		15		20		1		48	Yes	1	
Center Roads	M. C. Carroll, Bladenboro			80		40	40	80	27		7		274			
Clarkton	C. E. Evans, Clarkton		28	32	34	41	40	33	112				321			83
Council	A. L. Grimsley, Council	10	14		14	16	9	11	43	9	2		128	Yes	1	68
Cypress Creek	Wilbert Davis, Parkersburg			20	18	25	17	21	60		3		164	No		95
Dublin First	Dixon Brisson Dublin			42	32	31	37	75	65		7		289	Yes		98
Elizabethtown	D. A. Harris, Elizabethtown		47	98	35	26	30	24	220				480	Yes	1	219
Galeed	Eugene Kell, Boardman			18	18	35	41	14	35				220	Yes	1	
Hickory Grove	Luther Davis, Bladenboro				35	19	15	12	90				171	Yes		97
Lagoon	R. H. Merritt, Lagoon	2		1	3	4			14		4		28	Yes		20
Lisbon	Irwin Phillips, Council	16		15	15	20	22	22	47	14	1		172	Yes	1	65
Love Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel			23	36	23	25	65	81				253	Yes		
Nat Moore	H. B. Bigford, Kelly			8		18			25				51			
New Center	Jack Collins, Clarkton				32	10	15		20				79		1	59
Richardson	Elery Singletary, Bladenboro			9	8	16	9		14				56	No		55
Riverside	Bill Jernigan, Garland			9	11	10	10	12	37				89		1	51
Sandy Grove	T. E. Guyton, Bladenboro			15	20	20	23	15	35				136			70
Shady Grove	Leston Thompson, Clarkton		22	17	15	15	17	34	50		13		183		1	110
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Fayetteville			12		10	8	12	58		4		104			
Tobermory	Nick L. Baker, St. Pauls			15	12	19	17	12	23		1		99	No		57
West Bladenboro	W. B. Hester, Bladenboro				22	18	19	20	30		7		117	No		75
Whites Creek	E. L. Harrelson, Clarkton			14	13	7	8	9	20				71			48
White Lake	Gaddie Smith, White Lake		2	20	21	20	22	7	25		6		108	Yes		40
White Oak	R. G. Kinlaw, White Oak			12	12	22	23	9	40		2		120			62
Zion Hill	Theron Pait, Bladenboro			34	20	22	16	16	100				208	Yes	No	
Total		28	146	594	552	637	589	636	1,596	23	78		5,012		11	1,840

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES R. L. Edwards, Associational Director, Dublin, N. C.	No. Nursery Units	No. Beginner Units	No. Primary Units	No. Junior Units	No. Intermediate Units	No. Young People Units	Adult Units	No. Mission Unions	Total Number Units	Nursery Enrolled	Beginners Enrolled	Primaries Enrolled	Juniors Enrolled	Intermediates Enrolled	Young People Enrolled	Adults Enrolled	Mission Enrolment	General Offices Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abbottsburg																					
Beards Chapel																					
Bethel	Edgar Priest, Tar Heel		1		1		1			4		17		28		17			14	91	49
Bladenboro First	Gus Bullard, Bladenboro		1	1	1	1		1		5		12	12	18	22		24	11	2	101	57
Briar Branch																					
Butters																					
Calvary	Miss Marion Britt, Elizabethtown					1		1		2					20		8		3	31	
Center Roads	Mrs. Luther Bryan, Bladenboro							1		1							40			40	
Clarkton	D. B. Little, Clarkton			1	1	2	1	1		6			10	8	17	9	14		5	64	45
Council	C. E. Moore, Council		1	1	1	1	1	1		6		5	6	18	13	6	11		4	63	42
Cypress Creek	Johnnie W. Johnson, Garland			1		1		1		3			20		23		25			68	52
Dublin First	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Bladenboro Route 2			1	1	1		1		4			21	18	20		23		6	88	58
Elizabethtown	Mrs Carl C. Campbell, Elizabethtown		1	1	1	2	1	1		7		11	18	10	22	13	24			98	50
Galeed	H. C. Edwards, Bladenboro		1				1	1	1	4		9				20	32	21	13	98	
Hickory Grove	Fred Nance, Bladenboro			1	1	1	1	1		5			25	22	22	10	36			115	75
Lagoon	Louanna Marshall, Lagoon				1			1		2				6			13		1	20	10
Lisbon	Harris Huestess, Clarkton		1	1	1	1	1	1		6		11	11	16	16	17	20		5	96	60
Love Grove	Raymond Becsole, Tar Heel		1		1	1	1	1		5		18		24	17	13	34		2	108	
Nat Moore																					
New Center																					
Richardson																					
Riverside	Mrs. N. Rich, Tomahawk				1	1	1			3				5	6	12				23	
Sandy Grove	Elwood Edwards, Bladenboro		1	1	1	1	1	1		6		11	12	20	9	7	14		9	73	40
Shady Grove																					
Suggs Grove	E. H. Dew, Fayetteville Rt.5		1		1		1	1		4		3		8		9	18		6	34	30
Tobermory	Nick L. Baker, St. Pauls				1	1				2				11	25					36	28
West Bladenboro	J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro				1	1	1	1		4				11	6	10	18		6	31	
Whites Creek	Mrs. E. L. Hayes, Clarkton		1			1	1	1		4		10			10	20	18			65	40
White Lake	Mrs. J. C. McClure, White L.		1		1	1		1		4		10		12	12		15		7	56	
White Oak	P. G. Cain, White Oak				1	1		1		3				13	8		14		3	38	25
Zion Hill	Chaston Davis, Bladenboro		1		1	1	1	1		5		10		9	11	5	6		6	47	35
Total			12	9	18	20	14	20	1	95		127	135	257	279	168	407	32	92	1,484	696

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES Associational President, Mrs. A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown, N. C.	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abbottsburg	Marie Ward, Route 1, Bladenboro	1					1	20					20		
Beards Chapel															
Bethel	Mrs. Edward Garner, Tar Heel	1	1			1	3	21	15			16	52	87	8
Bladenboro First	Mrs. J. F. Butler, Bladenboro	1	1	2	1	1	6	114	15	17	21	20	187	107	78
Briar Branch															
Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, Bladenboro	1					1	18					18		2
Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Clarkton	1					1	12					12	12	5
Center Roads	Mrs. Luther Bryan, Bladenboro	1					1	15					15		
Clarkton	Mrs. N. B. Ellis, Clarkton	1	1	1	1	1	5	67	12	23	14	11	127	83	
Council	Mrs. Novalee McDuffie, Council	1		1			2	20		15			35	20	5
Cypress Creek	Mrs. Wilbert Davis, Garland	1					1	38					38		
Dublin First	Mrs. Marshall Bordeaux, Elizabethtown	1	1	1		1	4	38	7	10		20	75	52	7
Elizabethtown	Mrs. Milton Fisher, Elizabethtown	1	1	2	1	3	8	178	4	28	15	50	275	217	44
Galeed	Mrs. Spurgeon Frink, Bladenboro	1	1	1			3	30	19	10			59		
Hickory Grove	Miss Ruby Fester, Bladenboro	1	1				2	21	15				36	18	18
Lagoon															
Lisbon	Mrs. A. A. Barber, Clarkton	1	1	1	1	1	5	27	8	13	20	11	124	50	12
Love Grove	Mrs. Wilbur Singletary, Tar Heel	1		2	1		4	24		32	7		63		
Nat Moore															
New Center															
Richardson	Mrs. Sam Singletary, Bladenboro	1					1	19					19		
Riverside	Mrs. Sam Marshburn, Tomahawk	1					1	19					19		4
Sandy Grove	Mrs. T. E. Guyton, Bladenboro	1		1			2	28					28		3
Shady Grove	Mrs Della Santee, Bladenboro	1					1	15					15		
Suggs Grove															
Tobermory	Mrs. Nick L. Baker, St. Pauls	1					1	12					12	2	3
West Bladenboro	Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro	1					1	12					12		8
Whites Creek	Mrs. George Harrelson, Clarkton	1					1	16					16	15	
White Lake	Mrs. E. C. Reeves, White Lake	1					1	13					13		
White Oak	Mrs. Rufus Burney, White Oak	1		2			3	19		16			35		9
Zion Hill	Mrs. Daisy Hester, Bladenboro	1	1	1			3	18	6	14			48	23	14
Total		25	9	15	5	8	61	814	101	178	77	128	1,353	686	220

TABLE F—GIFTS GIVEN THROUGH CHURCH

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES Associational Treasurer, John A. Moore, Clarkton, N. C.	Local Gifts (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Orphan's Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity Relief, Etc.	Total Mission Gifts	Grand Total Gifts for All Causes
Abbottsburg	E. F. English, Bladenboro	353	775	16	65	38	23	6	-------	225	61	-------	436	1,564
Beards Chapel	C. H. Norris, Garland	1,343	582	60	8	8	105	14	8	77	63	-------	344	2,270
Bethel	E. W. Woodell, Bladenboro	18,655	1,956	130	107	60	70	73	-------	56	31	-------	428	21,469
Bladenboro First	H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	11,582	1,805	2,460	400	508	258	2,000	1,500	2,475	167	266	9,976	23,364
Briar Branch	H. W. Watson, Elizabethtown	347	180	12	14	-------	-------	7	-------	24	35	-------	92	538
Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, Bladenboro	638	428	10	-------	25	10	3	-------	25	15	-------	88	1,155
Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Clarkton	342	420	-------	70	23	10	20	50	53	10	68	257	1,019
Center Roads	Wade Pait, Bladenboro	7,168	1,160	125	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	166	125	68	485	8,813
Clarkton	Mrs. C. V. Little, Clarkton	15,994	1,740	857	167	14	36	80	-------	150	100	-------	1,406	19,140
Council	S. McLean, Council	2,438	1,680	288	-------	-------	38	-------	-------	235	80	396	1,037	3,718
Cypress Creek	C. M. Davis, Garland	1,430	1,150	282	75	21	28	34	-------	190	56	114	803	3,383
Dublin First	Kenneth Hester, Dublin	9,656	1,800	104	52	50	57	67	-------	30	45	-------	405	12,027
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	38,419	4,560	1,642	250	11	205	200	500	501	270	302	3,884	66,804
Galeed	Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro	795	1,050	400	50	113	217	440	100	190	140	182	1,833	3,674
Hickory Grove	Roy Hester, Bladenboro	1,421	1,375	744	75	58	30	77	50	830	199	698	2,765	5,561
Lagoon	Mrs. Bertha Smith, Lagoon	355	210	-------	-------	3	-------	-------	-------	22	21	-------	47	612
Lisbon	Mrs. C. A. Priest, Clarkton	3,574	690	160	115	42	6	4	-------	67	25	-------	361	4,625
Love Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel	2,544	1,199	76	-------	131	35	66	222	735	312	120	1,699	5,443
Nat Moore	S. T. Squires, Kelly	9	217	2	-------	-------	-------	3	-------	-------	-------	12	17	244
New Center	Mrs. Ernest Ashley, Bladenboro	103	139	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	242
Richardson	Mrs. Harvey Sessoms, Bladenboro	719	401	100	30	3	3	3	-------	25	-------	-------	164	1,285
Riverside	Joe Evans, Tomahawk	598	891	362	129	12	-------	8	-------	190	33	35	771	2,262
Sandy Grove	A. W. Shaw, Bladenboro	1,786	1,202	97	-------	14	642	25	-------	220	108	677	1,786	2,988
Shady Grove	Fred Skipper, Bladenboro	1,790	600	70	132	11	10	10	-------	85	25	3	347	2,737
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Fayetteville	4,463	720	-------	-------	-------	210	-------	-------	-------	42	48	298	5,482
Tobermory	David Whichard, St. Pauls	637	327	-------	-------	20	6	10	-------	25	25	100	186	1,150
West Bladenboro	Byron Bullard, Bladenboro	1,664	1,139	-------	50	55	40	128	248	67	70	579	2,298	5,101
Whites Creek	T. B. Harrelson, Clarkton	743	300	50	50	25	44	5	-------	75	25	133	407	1,451
White Lake	D. A. Marshburn, White Lake	442	738	11	15	-------	91	14	-------	38	25	-------	19	1,180
White Oak	Miss Lizzie Purdie, White Oak	1,474	3,000	300	75	-------	26	48	200	200	125	20	994	5,469
Zion Hill	Fred G. Hester, Bladenboro	1,519	1,915	30	100	88	64	115	94	283	120	159	1,056	4 491
Total		133,001	34,289	8,268	2,029	1,333	2,264	3,460	2,972	7,259	2,353	3,980	34,689	199,261

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

	Church
Moderator—Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Vice-Moderator—Porter G. Cain, White Oak	White Oak
Clerk-Treasurer—John A. Moore, Clarkton	Clarkton
Superintendent of S. S.—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro	Bladenboro, First
Training Union Dir.—Mark Owens, Whiteville	White's Creek

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Vice-Chairman—Porter G. Cain, White Oak	White Oak
Secretary—John A. Moore, Clarkton	Clarkton
Supt. of S. S.—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro	Bladenboro, First
Training Union Dir.—Mark Owens, Whiteville	White's Creek
Elected Member—John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	Bladenboro First
Elected Member—A. T. Peacock, Chadbourn	Center Roads
Associational Missionary—Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro	First

DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES

W. M. U.—Mrs. A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Brotherhood—J. E. Kinlaw, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Hospital—C. D. Brisson, Dublin	Dublin, First
Evangelism—A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Home For Aging—Fred T. Nance, Bladenboro	Hickory Grove
Orphanage—Luther Brisson, Bladenboro	Hickory Grove

W. M. U. OFFICERS

Superintendent—Mrs. A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Associate Supt.—Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro	Bladenboro, First
Young People's Leader—Mrs. C. A. Priest, Council	Lisbon
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Beulah Collier, Clarkton	White's Creek
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Pauline Bullard, Bladenboro	First
Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. Lee Gooden, Clarkton	Clarkton
Community Missions—Mrs. C. W. McClure, White Oak	White Oak
Literature Chairman—Mrs. Danny Bryan, White Oak	White Oak
Margaret Fund—Mrs. L. W. Barefoot, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Carver School Chairman—Mrs. Spurgeon Frink, Bladenboro	Galeed
Y. W. A. Counsellor—Mrs. Wilfred King, Dublin	Dublin First
Int. G. A. Counsellor—Mrs. John A. Moore, Clarkton	Clarkton
Jr. G. A. Counsellor—Mrs. Boyd Hammer, E'town	Elizabethtown
Sunbeam Counsellor—	
R. A. Counsellor—Joseph R. Burn, Tar Heel	Love Grove
White Cross Chairman—Mrs. A. R. Townsend, Clarkton	White's Creek
Nominating Committee—Mrs. Worth Warner, Clarkton	Clarkton

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro	First
Supt. of Training—Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Bladenboro	First
Supt. of Enlargement—Geo. H. McLaney, E'town.	Elizabethtown

Supt. V. B. S.—Mrs. Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Supt. of Evangelism—A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Sec., Treas.—Mrs. Fitz Tatum, White Oak ..... White Oak
Pianist—Mrs. Ruth Yarborough, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
Supt. Gp. I—Kendrick Hester, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill
Supt. Gp. II—Harold Hood, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
Supt. Gp. III—Gaddie Smith, Elizabethtown ..... White Lake
Supt. Gp. IV—J. R. Burn, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
Supt. Gp. V —Simon Gurganeous, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown Beard's Chapel
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Horace Taylor.
Nursery—Mrs. Ruth Yarborough, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
Beginner—Mrs. C. E. Evans, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Primary—Mrs. R. L. Edwards, Dublin ..... Dublin First
Junior—Mrs. L. B. Buie, Bladenboro ..... First
Intermediate—Raymond Bedsole, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
Young People—W. J. Green, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Adult—R. A. Britt, Bladenboro ..... First
Extension—Mrs. John A. Moore, Clarkton ..... Clarkton

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

Director—Mark Owens, Whiteville ..... White's Creek
Associate—R. L. Edwards, Dublin ..... Dublin First
Sec.-Treas.—Miss Beulah Collier, Clarkton ..... White's Creek
Chorister—Mrs. J. A. Bridger, Bladenboro ..... First
Pianist—Mrs. Stedman Hester, Bladenboro ..... First
Group I—Sidney Britt, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Group II—
Group III—Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Group IV—Fred T. Nance, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
Group V—Porter G. Cain, White Oak ..... White Oak
Primary Director—Mrs. C. E. Evans, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Junior Director—Mrs. Howard Bryan, Bladenboro ..... First
Int. Director—Mrs. Kate Bordeaux, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Y. P. Director—John A. Moore, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Adult Director—Mrs. Pauline Bullard, Bladenboro ..... First
Pastor Advisor—A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown

BROTHERHOOD OFFICER

President—J. E. Kinlaw, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown

TO REPORT AT 1954 SESSION

State Missions—Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Home Missions—Mrs. C. E. Simmons, Rt. 2, St. Pauls ..... Tobermory
Foreign Missions—Earl Tatum, White Oak ..... White Oak
Christian Education—Worth Hester, Bladenboro ..... First
Orphanage—Luther Brisson, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
Sunday School—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro ..... First
Training Union—Mark Owens, Whiteville ..... White's Creek
Relief and Annuity—Creed Moore, Council ..... Council
Hospital—C. D. Brisson, Dublin ..... Dublin First
W. M. U.—Mrs. A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown

Temperance & Public Morals—Martin Wilson, Tar Heel....Love Grove
Christian Literature—Theron Pait, Bladenboro.....Zion Hill
Associational Missions—Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro.....First
Brotherhood—N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown.....Elizabethtown
Memorials—Seth Lewis, Bladenboro.....Hickory Grove
Preacher, First Day—R. A. Britt, Bladenboro.....First
Alternate, First Day—Mark Owens, Whiteville.....White's Creek
Preacher, Second Day—Joe R. Burn, Tar Heel.....Love Grove
Alternate, Second Day—Joel Johnson, White Oak.....White Oak

BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS

There is no State or Southwide Baptist Institution, Board or Agency located in Bladen Association.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

The Association does not adopt a Calendar of Activities.

MESSENGERS TO THE ANNUAL SESSION

ABBOTTSBURG: H. B. Bennett, Pastor, Edith M. Smith, Mrs. R. C. Cooke, Mrs. Dee McKeithan, Mrs. Robert Taylor, and 7 visitors.

BEARD'S CHAPEL: Holland Hughes, Pastor, Mrs. B. C. Barnes, Melva Johnson.

BETHEL: Thomas H. Lambert, Pastor, Thomas Carroll, Mrs. Jeff Carroll, Jeff Carroll, Mrs. T. H. Lambert, E. W. Woodell, Mrs. E. W. Woodell, Manley Storm, and 2 visitors.

BLADENBORO, FIRST: John H. McCrimmon, Pastor, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, Mrs. Pauline Bullard, Mrs. Lloyd S. Elkins, Mrs. R. B. Buie, B. O. Ward, Mrs. L. A. Bridger, Sidney Britt, and 7 visitors.

BRIAR BRANCH: L. L. Barnes, Pastor.

BUTTERS: R. J. Edwards, Sr., Jerry Wayne Packer, Mrs. Worth Packer.

CALVARY: Miss Minnie Smith, Mrs. Jennie Huggins, Mrs. W. B. Warner, Miss Louise Britt, Mrs. D. T. Britt, Pearl Harrelson, Mrs. J. E. Williams.

CENTER ROADS: A. T. Peacock, Pastor, Mrs. Luther Bryan, Mrs. Downie Taylor, Mrs. Ed Butler, Luther Bryan, I. L. Hester, W. A. Carroll, and 1 visitor.

CLARKTON: John A. Moore, Pastor, Mrs. C. L. Campbell, T. W. Priest, Mrs. N. B. Ellis, Mrs. Worth Warner, Mrs. Earl Quick, Mrs. L. L. Warner, Mrs. S. H. Long, Mrs. H. M. Rivenbark, and 3 visitors.

COUNCIL: J. Bryan Dosher, Pastor, Simon McLean, Mrs. E. M. Grimsley, Mrs. A. L. Grimsley, Mrs. I. M. Moore, and 5 visitors.

DUBLIN, FIRST: R. L. Edwards, Pastor, J. C. Taylor, O. P. Hill, C. D. Brisson, Mrs. W. D. Nance, and 32 visitors.

ELIZABETHTOWN: A. D. Frazier, Pastor, W. W. Woodhouse, Leon D. Smith, D. A. Harris, J. E. Kinlaw, Mrs. A. D. Frazier, and 29 visitors.

GALEED: Spurgeon Frink, Mrs. Spurgeon Frink.

HICKORY GROVE: Fred Nance, Mrs. Fred Nance, R. K. Nance, Mrs. R. K. Nance, Lawrence Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, and 6 visitors.

LISBON: R. A. Britt, Pastor, Mrs. V. C. McDonald, V. C. McDonald, J. D. Griffin, Mrs. J. D. Griffin, S. W. Phillips and 5 visitors.

LOVE GROVE: Joe R. Burn, Pastor, R. L. Grimes, S. A. Bedsole, Z. G. Ray, Josh Brisson, Martin Wilson, and 8 visitors.

NEW CENTER: Harold Hill, Mrs. Ella Caulk, J. L. Collins.

RICHARDSON: R. L. Sessoms, Elery Singletary, Stanley Davis, Mrs. Stanley Davis, Shelby Jean Davis, Mrs. Will Davis, Mrs. Richard Sessoms, Mrs. Sam Singletary, Mrs. B. T. Williamson and 2 visitors.

RIVERSIDE: Mrs. Namon Rich, Mrs. George Long, Mrs. Eloise S. Smith, and 2 visitors.

SANDY GROVE: Harry Edwards, Mrs. Harry Edwards, C. J. Dove, J. E. Dove, J. E. Burchett, and 15 visitors.

SHADY GROVE: Mrs. Archie Burney, Mrs. I. L. Thompson, Archie L. Burney, Mrs. Wesley Santee, Lossie Thompson, and 3 visitors.

SUGGS GROVE: D. M. Clemmons, Pastor J. P. Simmons.

TOBEMORY: Mrs. Troy Barfield, Mrs. Tom Hall, Mrs. C. E. Simmons, Troy Barfield.

WEST BLADENBORO: Gaston Hester, Pastor, Wesley Merritt, Forest Turner, Mrs. LaRue Dowless, Azie Cain, and 2 visitors.

WHITE'S CREEK: Mark Owens, Pastor, Mrs. M. C. Harrelson, Mrs. A. R. Townsend, Miss Mamie Regan, B. H. Priest, A. R. Townsend, Mrs. T. D. Townsend and 2 visitors.

WHITE LAKE: Mrs. Guy Atkinson, Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Mrs. J. C. McClure, Mrs. Robert Atkinson.

WHITE OAK: Joel Johnson, Pastor, E. M. Tatum, F. L. Tatum, W. F. Cain, Hallie McClure, Margaret McLaurin.

ZION HILL: Theron Pait, Kendrick Hester, Kate Davis, Mrs. T. F. Hester, Mrs. T. A. Butler, and 2 visitors.

In addition to these 277 messengers and visitors from our churches, we welcomed 11 official denominational visitors, 4 Wingate College students, 10 visitors from outside our Association and 3 members of another denomination, making a total registration of 305.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section 2. The object of this association shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel; to emphasize the responsibilities of its membership in relation to Missions, Benevolences, Education and in cooperation with our State and Southern Baptist Convention to increase the intelligence and spiritual power of the people to promote harmony and fellowship among the churches.

ARTICLE 2—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the affiliated churches, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this association.

Section 2. Each church of 11 members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five lay messengers.

Section 3. Any church desiring affiliation with this association shall be referred to a committee which shall examine its church covenant and its articles of faith and receive its commitment to this constitution. Upon a favorable report of this commitee the church shall be received by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 3—ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Section 1. Each church shall send to the annual meetings of the Association a letter (the blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Association), carefully filled as per blank suggestions reporting the last Sunday in September.

Section 2. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years shall be investigated by the officers of the Association and effort be made to reclaim.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Training Union Director, President of the Brotherhood, Associational Superintendent of Woman's Missionary Union, and Historian.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Historian shall be nominated and elected from the floor of the Association. The Associational Sunday School Superintendent, the Training Union Director, The President of the Brotherhood, and the Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be nominated by the respective organizations which they represent, and shall be elected by the Association. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The other officers shall not be eligible to succeed themselves after the third consecutive year. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Association.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the body and see that order and decorum are observed by every member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall be fraternal visitation counselor and adviser with the churches regarding their work through the year.

Section 4. The Vice Moderator shall preside in the absence of or at the discretion of the Moderator.

Section 5. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, mail blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association, prepare, publish and distribute the minutes of the Association as soon as practicable after adjournment.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and distribute all funds of the association subject to its order and make written report of same to each Associational meeting.

ARTICLE 5—COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association and 15 other members to be nominated and elected by the Association at its annual session. Seven of the 15 members shall be resident pastors and eight shall be lay members. The fifteen members shall be elected for three year terms, with five members retiring each year, and ineligible to succeed themselves. No church shall have more than one member on this committee, except

in the case of officers of the Aassociation. The Nominating Committee shall nominate and the Association shall elect the fifteen members. Further, the Executive Committee shall divide itself into the following Committees:

a. Program Committee, whose duty is shall be to plan the program of the annual meeting of the Association, and to select those who will write the customary reports concerning the work of the agencies and institutions of our denomination. The Vice-Moderator shall be chairman.

b. Missions Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan and direct the work of the Associational missionary activity. The Moderator shall be the chairman.

c. Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan the financial program of the Association and shall make an annual financial statement, and shall recommend a financial program for the following associational year. The Treasurer shall be chairman.

d. Evangelism Committee, whose duty it shall be to promote soul winning through personal evangelism, mass evangelism and simultaneous evangelism. The chairman shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Section 2. At least sixty days before the meeting of the Association the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee whose duty it shall be to nominate Associational officers and committees except those definitely arranged for in other sections of this article, for the following year; subject to the approval and election of the Association.

Section 3. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint the following committees to report to the session at its convenience:

1. Committee on place and preacher.
2. Committee on resolutions.
3. Auditing committee.
4. Committee on petitionary letters (if needed.)

Section 4. The program committee shall be composed of the Executive committee of the Association. This committee shall meet soon after the annual session of the Association and select those who shall write the reports for the next annual session on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Orphanage, Sunday Schools, Baptist Training Union, Ministerial Relief and Annuity, Hospitals, Woman's Work, Brotherhood, Religious Literature, Temperance and Public Morals and Obituaries, and other report that the times may demand. This meeting shall be held in time for the appointees and assignments to be printed in the minutes.

Section 5. Other temporary committees that may be created by the Association shall be appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6—AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the change be read to the Association during the first session of the annual meeting and voted on at a later session.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as it may decide.

2. All sessions of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service and closed with a prayer.

3. Representatives from 10 of the affiliated churches shall constitute a quorum.

4. The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session, and shall be changed only by a vote of the body.

5. Corresponding messengers and visiting bretheren shall be invited to seats with privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

6. A copy of the minutes shall be sent each Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, Secretary of survey and statistics of the Baptist Suday School Board.

7. The rules for order for the Association shall be those laid down in Kerfoot's ""Parliamentary Law", but in cases where the meaning may not be clear the Moderator shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Association.

8. The by-laws may be changed at any session by a vote of any majority of the members present.

CLERK'S NOTE: The Constitution appears here as revised this year, but the changes do not go into effect until next year.

PROCEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY SESSIONS

WHITE'S CREEK, MARCH 29, 1953

1. Opened with prayer for guidance led by Moderator Leon D. Smith.

2. Hymn: "Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed."

3. Mark Owens, new pastor at White's Creek, read Matthew 21:1-11 and John A Moore led in prayer.

4. The Clerk called the roll of churches, twenty churches were represented with one hundred one present. (By a count made at 11:15 there were two hundred fifty-one present.)

5. The Moderator appointed W. W. Woodhouse, Harold Hood, and Fred Nance as the Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting.

6. John A. Moore announced the Better Bible Teaching Conference to be held at Clarkton April 19-23, 1953.

7. Leon D. Smith spoke briefly on "A Million More In Fifty Four Enrolled In Sunday School."

8. The Treasurer read the report of the Associational Treasury.

9. The Moderator introduced Raymond Edge who taught the Sunday School Lesson.

10: Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us".

11. The Moderator introduced Dr. W. C. Reed, Supt, of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, who spoke a few words about the children there, asking especially that we pray for them, then addressed the Association on "Youth, Our Responsibility".

12. Special music, "No Longer Lonely", was offered by A. N. Putnam, Clarkton.

13. Hymn: "Take It To The Lord In Prayer."

14. Dr. W. C. Reed was introduced again to preach the sermon. He read Matthew 28:18-20, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go and do my will, and lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And Psalm 73:23-24, "Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand, thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." The subject of his message was "Is Christ sufficient to meet the problems of this generation."

15. The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Holland Hughes.

16. After lunch the Association reconvened at 1:00 P. M., one half hour early to conserve time. The service opened with singing "I Love To Tell The Story."

17. The Moderator expressed the appreciation of the Association for the excellent dinner provided by the host church.

18. Hymn: "Give Of Your Best To The Master."

19. Miss Beulah Collier, White's Creek, read II Timothy 2:1-19 and led in prayer.

20. Announcements were made of the Better Bible Teaching Conference, The School of Missions, September 13-18, and the W. M. U. Annual Meeting on April 7.

21. Mr. Fred Scott of the State Training Union Department was introduced and spoke on "Our Youth In Training."

22. The Bladen Associational Choir of eighteen voices sang "Holy

Spirit Breathe On Me", and "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

23. Mr. Fred Scott was introduced again and took charge of the Training Union Tournament Eliminations.

24. Mrs. Theron Pait, Zion Hill, led the Junior Memory Work Tournament. There were four participants. The winner was Miss Frances Hester, Zion Hill.

25. Fred Scott directed the Intermediate Sword Drill. There were seven participants. The winner was Miss Wilma Faye Thompson, Hickory Grove.

26. Mrs. R. J. Hall introduced the Better Speakers Tournament. Two participated. Both spoke on "The Value of A Life". The winner was Miss Thelma Ward, Galeed.

27. Mrs. Pauline Bullard directed the Adult Bible Reading Tournament. There were four participants. Mrs. Frink Freeman, Galeed, was the winner.

28. W. W. Woodhouse reported that the Committee on Place recommended that the next Fifth Sunday Meeting be held with the Riverside Baptist Church.

29. A. D. Frazier led in the closing prayer.

RIVERSIDE, MAY 31, 1953

1. Moderator Leon D. Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

2. E. B. Graham led the congregation in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy".

3. M. M. Turner, Riverside, spoke a word of welcome and read Luke 10:25-37 and led in prayer.

4. John A. Moore called the roll of churches and found 18 churches represented by 99 messengers and four visitors. C. D. Brisson, Cerro Gordo, Columbus Association, was recognized. (By a count made at 11:45 there were 139 people inside the building, 25 on the porch, and 76 in the yard, or a total of 240.)

5. The Moderator appointed the Committee on Place for the next session: S. A. Bedsole, J. L. Hester and W. W. Woodhouse.

6. Mrs. R. J. Hall made a brief announcement of the "Million More In '54" program, and of the posters available for advertising it.

7. E. B. Graham led in singing "Love Divine", and "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

8. Porter Cain, White Oak, taught the Sunday School lesson on "The Way Of Christian Love"I Corinthians 13.

9. Sandy Grove Choir sang "Blessed Redeemer."

10. Leo Hawkins was introduced. He is in training at Baptist Hospital in Winston Salem for service as a Hospital Chaplain in Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, Texas. When the congregation had sung "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" he brought a message on the Baptist Hospital and its healing Ministry.

11. John A. Moore gave the report of the Associational Treasury which showed a balance of $174.03 after the bills for May are paid.

12. Zonnie Ray, Tar Heel, conveyed an invitation from Love Grove Church to the Churches of Bladen Association to send their pastors to Love Grove on Sunday, June 7, at 3:30 P. M. to form a Presbytery to examine their pastor Joe R. Burn, for ordination to the Gospel Ministry.

13. The congregation sang "The Great Physician."

14. Leo Hawkins was introduced again to preach the sermon. He read Col. 3:1-11 from the R. S. V.

15. The congregation sang "At The Cross" and after announcement about lunch by Pastor M. M. Turner, the morning session was dismissed with prayer led by Joel Johnson.

16. Afternoon session opened with singing "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations" led by Miss Marion Britt.

17. Miss Sadye Dunn read Isaiah 6:1-8 and led in prayer.

18. Mrs. C. A. Priest, Young People's Leader of the Bladen W. M. U. took charge of the afternoon session and introduced Young People's Leaders and Counsellors of the Association and the churches, and then announced the Young People's weeks and Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest.

19. The Shady Grove Young People sang "All To Jesus I Surrender."

20. Dublin G. A.'s presented a model program.

21. Center Road R. A. gave a stewardship playlet entitled "Timothy Tyler's Tithe," and sang "The King's Business."

22. Joe R. Burn led in singing "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."

23. Joe R. Burn spoke briefly on R. A. work in the Association.

24. Miss Frances Carter, Foreign Mission Volunteer, now teaching Bible in Clarkton Public School, brought the Missionary Message on the subject, "Adventuring With Christ in Missions."

25. Joe R. Burn led in singing "O Zion Haste."

26. Lisbon Junior G. A. gave a demonstration in Forward Steps work led by Mrs. C. A. Priest.

27. John A. Moore led in special prayer for our Young People's work.

28. Leon D. Smith spoke briefly on the importance of Young People's Work.

29. M. M. Turner moved that we not plan a Fifth Sunday Meeting in August. Motion carried.

30. W. W. Woodhouse moved that we have the Fifth Sunday meeting on November 29 at Sandy Grove. Motion carried.

31. Leon D. Smith expressed the appreciation of the Association for the good program and the fine entertainment by Riverside Church.

32. Congregation sang "God Be With You Til We Meet Again."

33. Session adjourned with prayer led by John H. McCrimmon.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION—DUBLIN

1. Moderator Leon D. Smith called the Sixty Second Session to order at the First Baptist church, Dublin, at 9:30 A. M. on October 14, 1953.

2. Messengers joined in singing "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations".

3. Robert Lee Edwards, Dublin, led the opening devotional, reading Acts 1:6-11 and led in prayer.

4. John A. Moore called the Roll of the Churches and moved that the Messengers now registered, and others who should register later constitute the working body of the Association for this year. The motion carried.

5. A. D. Frazier read the changes to the Constitution that are pro-

posed by the committee appointed for that purpose last year.

6. John A. Moore moved that the printed program be the order of business of the Association with such necessary changes that must be made as we proceed. Motion carried.

7. After some discussion of the changes to the Constitution the Clerk moved that this be made the order of business at 2:50 this afternoon for discussion. The vote to be taken on the second day.

8. The Moderator appointed the following Committees: Place and Preacher for the next Annual Session: Martin Wilson, W. W. Woodhouse, Theron Pait; Auditing Committee: Dixon Brisson, Earl Tatum, Luther Bryan.

9. C. D. Brisson read the report on the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. The report was adopted without discussion.

10. A. D. Frazier read the report on State Missions. The report was adopted.

11. The Moderator appointed the Place and Preacher Committee for the Fifth Sunday Session in November: Fred T. Nance, Harold Hood, Thomas Carroll.

12. E. L. Spivey was introduced and addressed the Association on the Program of Advance of North Carolina Baptists.

13. Dr. C. C. Burris, Wingate College, introduced the Wingate Quartet who sang "My Jesus As Thou Wilt" and "Nearer, Still Nearer".

14. Fred T. Nance read the Report on The Home For Aging. The report was adopted.

15. Robert Lee Edwards made announcement of the preparations for the noon meal.

16. While the Wingate College Quartet sang again the brethren came to the platform to conduct the Worship Service.

17. Joe R. Burn read Luke 4:16-22; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8, Ephesians 4:7-11-12 and led in prayer. John H. McCrimmon then delivered the Annual Sermon.

18. The Association joined in singing "Jesus Shall Reign," and was dismissed for the noon recess with a prayer of thanksgiving led by Joel Johnson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

19. The afternoon session opened by singing "Jesus Saves".

20. Mark Owens read II Timothy 2:15-17, and led in prayer.

21. The Clerk called the Roll of the Churches not present at the first call and found all the churches represented but two.

22. New Pastors, T. H. Lambert, Bethel, Mark Owens, White's Creek and Shady Grove, and A. T. Peacock, Center Roads, were recognized.

23. Thomas Carroll, Bethel, read the report on Christian Literature. The report was adopted. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of the Bibical Recorder, brought the message on Christian Literature.

24. B. O. Ward gave the report on Relief and Annuity. The report was adopted.

25. Sidney Britt read the report on Christian Education as prepared by Miss Louise Britt. The report was adopted.

26. The Wingate Quartet sang "Near To The Heart Of God."

27. Dr. C. C. Burris and Dr. Leslie Campbell spoke to the report on Christian Education.

28. Mrs. R. J. Hall made some brief announcements.

29. A. D. Frazier spoke briefly to the report on Relief and Annuity.

30. The Clerk spoke briefly of the work of the American Bible Society and handed out printed reports of the work of the Society to the Messengers present.

31. Discussion of the proposed revision of the Constitution was called for. It was discussed in some detail by R. A. Britt, and in part by Joel Johnson, John H. McCrimmon, Leon D. Smith, and A. D. Frazier. Most expressions were unfavorable.

32. Afternoon session was dismissed with prayer led by Leon D. Smith.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION—ELIZABETHTOWN

33. The Association reconvened at Elizabethtown by singing "Lead On O King Eternal".

34. A. D. Frazier read Luke 4:22, brought a brief devotional message, and led in prayer.

35. Mrs. A. D. Frazier read the report on Woman's Missionary Union, which was adopted without discussion.

36. The report on Brotherhood was called for but the writer was not present.

37. Roger R. Jackson, Wake Forest, spoke on Christian Education.

38. R. L. Edwards gave the report on Training Union. The report was adopted without discussion.

39. B. O. Ward gave the report on Sunday School. Report adopted.

40. The Messengers joined in singing "More Love To Thee."

41. J. C. Canipe, Secretary of Evangelism, brought a message on Evangelism.

42. The Night Session was dismissed with prayer led by Mark Owens.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION—SANDY GROVE

43. The second day of the Association convened at Sandy Grove Baptist Church at 9:30 A. M. on Thursday, October 15, 1953, by singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?" with Victor Van Hook at the piano and Leon D. Smith leading.

44. Gaston Hester, Sandy Grove read Matthew 28:16 and led in prayer.

45. The Moderator announced that the nominating committee Theron Pait, Leston Thompson, R. H. Merritt, W. E. Bryan, and Mrs. Wilburt Davis, who were appointed by the Executive Committee two months ago would report at the business session this afternoon.

46. The reports on Home Missions and Foreign Missions were called for but these writers were not present.

47. Arch M. McMillan was introduced to bring the Message on Missions.

48. John H. McCrimmon presented the substitute changes to the constitution that he had prepared.

49. Richard K. Young brought a message on the work of the Baptist Hospital at Winston Salem.

50. Mrs. R. J. Hall read the report on Associational Missions, and spoke to the report giving additional information about two other Mission Sunday Schools at Sunset Road and Armour, near Council.

The report was adopted .

51. John A. Moore read the report of the Associational Treasurer, which was adopted with little discussion.

52. John A Moore read the recommendation of the Executive Committee of a Budget for next year and moved its adoption. R. A. Britt moved to amend the report to designate $150.00 to Clerk's Expense, and $100.00 for miscellaneous. Carried. The Amended Budget was then adopted.

53. Joel Johnson moved that the balance, $300.22 from the Schools of Missions be sent to the Cooperative Program. John H. McCrimmon offered a substitute motion that this balance be retained in the Associational Treasury for use in our Associational Mission Program. The Substitute Motion carried.

54. Messengers joined in singing "Blessed Assurance."

55. R. M. Walton was presented to conduct the service of worship, and deliver the doctrinal sermon. After reading II Timothy 2:15 he spoke on the need of a trained leadership in our churches.

56. T. Sloan Guy brought a message on the work of the Home for the Aging.

57. The morning Session was dismissed with prayer for the noon meal by R. A. Britt.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

58. Association began the afternoon Session by Singing "What A Friend."

59. Joe R. Burn read I Cor. 4:2, Luke 12:43, 19:11-17, all having to do with faithfulness, and led in prayer.

60. A. D. Frazier read the Report on Public Morals that had been prepared by J. Bryan Dosher.

61. Sidney Britt read the Report on the Orphanage and Charity and Children. The report was adopted. Dr. W. C. Reed spoke to the report.

62. J. E. Kinlaw moved that Luther Brisson serve as Orphanage Representative. Motion carried.

63. John A. Moore gave a report on the History of Bladen Association. Discussed by Joel Johnson and D. M. Clemmons.

64. S. W. Phillips led the Association in the Memorial Service, reading the names of Our Beloved Dead and making fitting remarks. The messengers stood for a moment of silent prayer, then were led in prayer by D. M. Clemmons.

65. Harold Hood reported that the committee on place for the Fifth Sunday Meeting recommended that the Association go to Briar Branch on the Fifth Sunday in November. Recommendation adopted.

66. W. W. Woodhouse reported no invitations for the Annual Meeting next year. John McCrimmon moved that the matter be left to the Executive Committee. Carried.

67. W. E. Bryan read the report of the committee on nominations. The report was adopted without change. Luther Brisson was then elected to serve as Orphanage Representative.

68. On a motion by R. A. Britt, the election of the Missions committee was tabled until action on the proposed changes to the constitution.

69. Joel Johnson moved the adoption of the Revision of Article 4 Sections 1 and 2 as proposed by John McCrimmon. John A. Moore moved to amend by adding an Evangelism Committee in Article 5 Section 1. The Amendment was adopted. Then the proposed revision was adopted, as amended.

70. Joel Johnson moved the adoption of the revision of Article 6 and 7 as proposed by The Committee to Revise the Constitution. After discussion by Joel Johnson, John H. McCrimmon, John A. Moore, Leon D. Smith and R. A. Britt, the motion was lost.

71. John McCrimmon moved that The Executive Committee be the Missions Committee as provided for in the present constitution until the new revision goes into effect next year. Carried.

72. On motion of Joel Johnson the sixty-second Annual Session of Bladen Baptist Association was adjourned with prayer led by H. B. Bennett.

John A. Moore, Clerk
Leod D. Smith, Moderator

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean," was the leper's plea that touched the heart of Jesus. A like plea from the sick multitudes who need help has touched the heart of North Carolina Baptists. Our ministry through out Baptist Hospital is our answer to this call.

More than ten thousand patients were cared for in our Hospital last year, while thousands of others were seen in the Clinic. Almost half of these were service patients, unable to pay the full cost of the care they received. With all the advance of medical science, there is still much that it cannot do; but our Baptist Hospital is making a large contribution toward the saving of life, the relieving of suffering, and the bringing of good health for those who need it most.

From all over North Carolina there is a constant stream of afflicted people coming seeking our help. Our Hospital provides skilled specialists for them in the various fields of medical care. The demand is so great that it is never safe to go without an appointment in advance. In emergency cases the family doctor should call the Hospital and arrange for the patient to come as soon as possible.

One of the most important parts of the program of the Hospital is the spiritual ministry it provides. Our Hospital has trained chaplains who render an effective ministry for the sick, guidance for the nursing and medical students, and training for pastors and Christian workers.

Three floors of the New Hospital Wing are nearing completion. If any church in the Association has not contributed its part toward the building of the New Wing, we hope this will be done at once.

"If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." Jesus replied "I will." You and I answer, "I will", if we give as we should in our Mother's Day Offering. This determines how much help we provide for those who are sick and have little or no money. Let all of us answer with a generous, "I will," next Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted,
C. D. Brisson, Hospital Representative

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

When our Lord said " . . . You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem . . . " He determined the foundation and pattern for all mission activity. Missions like the very nature of Christianity begins and is operative at home. When Carey said, "I will go down into the well, but you must hold the rope," he was stating the same principle.

State Missions for us is Jesus' "Jerusalem" and Carey's "Holding the rope." Its importance for our forefathers is indicated in the fact that this—STATE MISSIONS—was the main activity of the convention in North Carolina through 1926. This activity being "the stimulation and organization of churches and their support and supplying a part of the salary of the minister."

Now State Missions embraces some 18 distinct activities—all having to do with Christ's work here among us. Namely:

1. Missionary-pastoral assistance, (Bladen Association participating here in that part of the Associational Missionary's salary is paid by State Mission funds.)
2. Church extension, sites for new churches.
3. Evangelism.
4. Radio and visual education.
5. Work with Sanatorium and Samaracand.
6. The Allied Church League.
7. Baptist Brotherhood.
8. North Carolina Baptist Foundation.
9. Cooperative work with the General State Convention (Negro.)
10. Schools for Ministers and Deacons.
11. Work with the Silent People.
12. Summer Assemblies.
13. Work with Rural Church Department.
14. Sunday School.
15. Training Union.
16. Student Work.

During the year 1953 it is hoped that State Missions will receive through the Cooperative Program $240,000. In addition $175,000 from the Woman's Missionary Union and a special offering from the Sunday Schools in October making a total of $415,000 for the use of State Mission Work. October has been State Mission Month for 102 years.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Frazier

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOME FOR AGING

The youngest member of our Baptist family of institutions, the North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., has had the best year since it began operating, March 16, 1951.

Resthaven, with space for twenty residents, has been filled to capacity. The number of inquiries for rooms has increased into the hundreds.

The Home received its best financial support. The share received from the Nine Year Program (1952) was $14.062.80; our first Special Day offerings, February 15, exceeded $52,000; and from individuals, churches, and auxiliary organizations we have received $12,380.33, as of August 1st.

On June 18, property was purchased for $25,000 for a Branch Home at Albermarle, consisting of a vacated hospital building and a nurses' home building and nearly 3 acres of land. When it has been renovated for an equal amount, we can care for 60 residents, 20 at Resthaven, Winston-Salem; and 40 at the Albermarle Home. At the time of purchase it was hoped that the branch home would be ready for occupancy by October 1.

The general health of the residents has been exceptionally good, considering the range of their ages, 66 to 93. There has been only one death this year. The spirit and the general attitude of the residents have been most satisfactory.

Plans for the future enlargement are encouraging. With a general Special Day offering in February, 1954, and other special gifts from individuals and corporations, we should be ready to begin construction of our administration building, which would give us room for fifty additional residents, making our total capacity, 110 residents. We should keep in mind the great number of our elderly brethren who need a home to provide security, comfort, congeniality, and a Christian ministry. Our North Carolina Baptists are able to meet the challenge to make adequate provision for the aging, and as "laborers together with God," we can meet it.

"Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth."—Psalms 71:9.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred T. Nance.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

America is considered by the nations of the world today as a cultured and educated nation. We have no doubt, the most and best schools and libraries, printing presses and publishing houses of any nation on the face of God's good earth. We are to be proud of this certainly, but what kind of literature are we producing with all of our great ability? When we stop and gaze at the type of literature that is so prominently displayed on the newsstands of our cities and so often found in our homes, we can easily know and say that God is not the sponsor of such books.

We, as Americans and North Carolina Baptists, have a great opportunity and a greater responsibility to teach our children and young people the kind of literature they should have and read. We can and should provide for them at home and in our churches, the Book of all Books, "God's inspired Word" the Holy Bible. Children will read what they find to read, so let's make good Christian literature available to them.

In Revelations 1:3 we find these words: Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the word of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written therein for the time is at hand.

There is an unlimited number of books and periodicals published by our State and Southern Baptist Convention. We should provide in our Church Budget enough for literature to place in every home a copy of the Bibical Recorder, Home Life, Open Windows and Charity and Children. These weekly and monthly periodicals are informative, enlightening, and inspiring to Christian living. There are many other

papers and magazines that are of great value to the different organizations of our Church. We have our Sunday School and B. T. U. Quarterlies, Suday School Builder, Training Union Magazine, Commission, Home Mission, Royal Service, Window of Y. W. A., Ambassador Life, and a score of others to lead us in our study and worship of Christ Jesus.

Our Churches should strive hard to provide a library well equipped with good books and magazines, so that our children can find something better to read than comic books and True Stories. The Baptist Book Store, in Raleigh, North Carolina, and those in other cities can supply us with all the books we would need to start a library.

Surely we, in this Bladen Association, must not fail to round out our education with a thorough knowledge of God's Holy inspired and infallible word. Finally, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2nd Timothy 2:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Carroll.

REPORT ON RELIEF AND ANNUITY

This board originated Thursday morning, May 16, 1918 at Hot Springs, Arkansas during Southern Baptist Convention. That was 35 years ago, not a long time in the life of an institution, but is long enough, however, for that institution to have written some history for the present generation to interpret and evaluate.

The original intent was to provide a reasonable degree of protection for the preachers of the Gospel and their families who might become unable to preach because of illness or because of the infirmities of old age. More recently the objective has been broadened to cover all those who hold a salaried relationship to our beloved denomination.

The Board has kept its promises and down through 35 years of its existence, has never failed an individual and never shall do so.

At present there is a proposal to increase protection in view of the inflationary trends in our National economy. Studies have been made during the past year and are being made whereby increased benefits may be made, however this will bring about an increased participation as follows:

Preacher—5% of salary up to $4,000.00.
5% by his Church or Churches.
5% by Denomination Subsidy.

The program would have 4 points as follows:

1. The present contractual disability annuity of $500.00 (Maximum) would become a contractual disability annuity of $900.00 (Maximum) or half the salary, if that amount is a lesser figure.

2. If the disability annuity is entered upon after the member has attained his 60th birthday, the annuitant would be given a commuted age annuity rather than the disability annuity.

3. Any member of the plan would be permitted to retire at age 60, or any time thereafter, on a commuted annuity—the annuity he would have received at age 65 commuted to the age at which he actually retires.

4. Any member retiring at age 65 or thereafter would no longer be required to accept a reduced age annuity in order to protect his wife in event she survives him, but would receive his full annuity, the same degree of protection he had created for her by the time of his retirement continuing automatically, and at no further cost, to the end of her life unless she remarries.

This new program will bring about increased benefits both to the preacher and to his wife should she survive him.

At present several of the preachers of this association are participating in the Relief and Annuity plan, however we would like to see each preacher participate and make the Bladen Association 100%.

This is a valuable financial security for disability and the sunset years of life both for the preacher and his wife should she survive him.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard O. Ward.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, as Southern Baptists, support with our students and money six seminaries and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work at Louisville, Ky., plus 52 junior and senior colleges and 10 academies and Bible schools. During the school year 1952-53, there were a total of 41,303 regular students enrolled in our seminaries, colleges and schools. The seminaries receive financial support from the Southern Baptist Convention while the 62 schools and colleges receive financial aid only from the convention of the state in which they are located. We, as North Carolina Baptists, should be proud that we have seven of these colleges in our own state; two senior colleges and five junior colleges with an enrollment that exceeds 5,000 for the year. We also have the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary now operating on the campus of Wake Forest College with an enrollment of 320 students. Hundreds of students have been turned away due to the crowded condition. However, we hope that by the aid of our churches, the alumni and friends of Wake Forest that the new college at Winston-Salem will be completed in 1955 and thereby relieve the present status of the seminary.

In North Carolina alone, we have approximately 15,000 Baptist boys and girls graduating from public high schools each year. Of this number approximately 4,000 go to some college, and of this number only about one out of every four go to a Baptist college. Our Baptist colleges not only train the young people—our leaders of tomorrow —to take their place in our social society, but trains them to take their places as leaders with a Christian philosophy of life. Our world and society today are sorely in need of spiritual leadership. While the Baptists are deeply interested in the public education of all the children of the state they are not willing to turn the spiritual training fo the youth of our state over to the state.

In the Great Commission Jesus bid us to teach people in His name thus through our denominational schools and colleges we as Southern Baptist are helping to fulfill this Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Britt.

REPORT ON W. M. U.

The Bladen Association Woman's Missionary Union has finished a year of service and progress. This year one of our long range goals has been attained. Through the efforts of our Associate Superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Hall, everyone of our thirty-one churches has a Woman's Missionary Society.

In addition to this achievement, our young peoples' work has been gratifying. Mrs. C. A. Priest, Young Peoples' Leader ,reports seventeen new organizations from Sunbeams through Y. W. A. Again this year the Juniors and Intermediates enjoyed a week-end camp for G. A.'s and R. A.'s. Sunbeams over the association came together for mission study and a picnic. The Y. W. A. Council has been active, meeting each quarter for fellowship and study.

We welcomed the Wilmington Division to the association for its annual meeting. The Bladenboro, First Church was host to the group.

The late Dr. Theron Rankin called the Lottie Moon Christmas offering, the second rail of the Foreign Mission Program. We as W.M.U. claim that place in the local church. W. M. U. channels its efforts through Mission Study, Community Missions, and Stewardship to "bear Him witness" throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. D. Frazier.

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

We have made slow but steady progress in the work of the Training Union in Bladen Association this past year. Most of the churches have shown an increased interest in the work.

According to the associational letters there are 24 churches with Training Unions, an increase of one over the previous year. There are 89 individual unions, a decrease of two. The total enrollment is 1,537, an increase of 93. The total average attendance was 692.

The Associational Training Union is organized with workers for each department. The Executive Committee has met quarterly, and officers from all of the churches were invited to take part in the associational quarterly program planning meetings.

During the past year the association was divided into five groups with group leaders. Three meetings of these groups have been held. The association at large had had three mass meetings.

At our group meetings in March many of our people participated in the various tournaments. At the associational meeting the fifth Sunday in March the final contests were held, with some one from each department winning to go to the Regional Meeting in April. The Regional Meeting was held at First Baptist Church in Lumberton, with Bladen Association having two Juniors, one Intermediate, one Young Person, and one Adult entering the Regional Tournaments. The two girls participating in the Junior Memory Work won first place, and entered the State Tournament at Caswell in June. These girls also won first place at Caswell, but did not go to Ridgecrest for the Southwide Tournament. We were proud of the interest shown in the tournaments this year and hope more of our people will participate in 1954.

Our "M" (Mobilization) Night Meeting was held at the Clarkton Baptist Church with an attenance of 226, a little less than last year, but we hope the attendance will exceed all previous records in December of 1953.

Much emphasis has been placed on study course work during the year, and a number of our churches have had study courses, with many receiving awards. We hope more of our churches will have study courses during the coming year.

We are looking forward to greater improvements in the Training Union work in the future, for we are planning an Associational-wide Training Union Clinic in April of 1954.

Our Training Union work will progress only as our people study God's Word and learn His way of life. The Training Union seeks to promote such study. Let us seek to be more like the Master in our daily living and strive to bring God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. Edwards.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

We all realize that the Sunday School is the beginning place where we begin to train for Church membership and leadership. Our Mothers and fathers carried us to Sunday School even before we could walk and talk and there we all used the same text book—God's Holy Bible. Different classes of course for Nursery, Beginners, Juniors and so on as we grow older, however, all striving to learn more about God's word and how to carry on His work here upon earth.

There is a growing interest in Sunday School work throughout the Southland and this year has been set aside as preparatory year for a million more in '54.

The Bladen Association Sunday Schools have been making preparations to join in this South-wide drive for a million more in '54. In our effort to cooperate, association meetings have been held regularly through June. Then Mr. Roger C. Johnson resigned because he was moving away and only recently has a new Association Sunday School Superintendent been appointed. We hope to continue these meetings from now on. Two association Victory rallies were held. One at Clarkton, one at Suggs Grove and a goal of 1,500 new Sunday School members for '54 was adopted.

The Association Sunday School Committee consist of the following members:

Association Sunday School Superintendent, B. O. Ward.
Association Moderator—L. D. Smith.
Association Missionary—Mrs. R. J. Hall.
Association Member—Dixon Brisson.
Association Member—Mack Edge.

The Bladen Association has a total of 31 Sunday Schools with a total membership of 4,926. This figure is 86 less than the figure reported in 1952. We can not understand how this came about, however, we trust those Sunday Schools showing a loss will doubly gain back in

'54. Fourteen Sunday Schools show a large gain.

During 1952 the average attendance was only 56% of number enrolled, however the 1953 average was 61.2% or an average gain of 5.2%. This is very encouraging.

There is a great need for more and better trained teachers. May we urge you to have teacher training courses and urge our teachers to attend that we might have better trained teachers, that they might draw and hold new Sunday School pupils.

We are looking forward to a great Sunday School year in '54, with God's help and the prayers of all Church members, we can reach our goal of 1,500 more in the Bladen Association and win many souls to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard O. Ward.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

As I look over the past year's work to recount the activities, I rejoice for every opportunity for service.

The Sunday School workers had opportunities for special training in the Group Study Courses held last fall and in the Associational Sunday School Clinic held in April, when Rev. D. P. Brooks, State Sunday School Leader and Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Bower, Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Holmes, led in the discussion of the S. S. Administration books, 20 churches were represented. Because of these two series of meetings many workers received awards, thus increasing the number of churches credited with study courses. I have attended the Association Sunday School executive, planning and mass meetings held quarterly. Two Sunday School Rallies were held in September in the interest of the "Million More Enrolled in Sunday School in '54". I attended the State Wide Sunday School Clinic in Shelby in January, accompanied by Mrs. Horace Taylor, Association Cradle Roll Superintendent; and the State Sunday School Planning Meeting in Goldsboro, in August, accompanied by Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Association Superintendent of Training. Made 25 visits in our church Sunday Schools and have helped Mrs. Clara Wall as we have worked in the Pittman Road Mission Sunday School. I have been there for 17 Sunday School meetings and for preaching services once when Rev. J. H. McCrimmon, First Church in Bladenboro, preached in an afternoon service and Rev. Richard McDuffie, conducted services several Sunday mornings. Mrs. Wall and I with the help of the Bladenboro First Y. W. A. had a Christmas party for this Sunday School at the Bladenboro Community House which was a happy occasion for them. With the help of Mrs. Leon D. Smith, Association V. B. S. Superintendent, we had 2 V. B. S. Clinics. I helped in 10 V. B. S., some times having 3 meetings a day.

In the W. M. U. work each department has been helped. 59 W. M. Societies have been visited and 16 of the Young People's Organizations visited, assisted with organizing of 4 W. M. S., 3 G. A.'s, 2 Y. W. A.'s, and 1 Sunbeam Band; assisted with the planning of the Association Royal Ambassador Conclave held last fell; helped with the R. A. and G. A. Camp at White Lake and taught the Intermediate G. A. Mission Study class. During the camp at the conclusion of the Sun-

day morning Worship Service 23 young people dedicated their lives to special Christian service. I attended the Executive Council meeting in Raleigh, in June and in Wilmington, in March and was accompanied by 5 W. M. U. members to the State Meeting in Wilmington. Ladies from 4 of our churches accompanied me to the Leadership Institute at Campbell College in September.

In the Training Union Work visits have been made to 17 regular weekly meetings and the Executive, Program Planning, and Mass meetings held quarterly have been attended also. I have assisted in 2 Training Union study courses; attended the Regional Convention in Lumberton, and with representatives from 3 churches attended Ridgecrest Training Union week in July.

With the help of Dr. E. L. Bradley and the Home Mission Board the School of Missions was planned, and proved to be one of the greatest experiences our people have had, when 10,770 attended the meetings, with an average attendance of 1,539. Fourteen rededications were made, two were converted, fifty-three new subscriptions were made to "Home Missions" and "Commission" magazines. Twenty one churches participated, and we had 21 visiting missionaries from State, Home, and Feriegn Mission fields, speaking in different churches each service, Sunday Morning, September 13, through Friday night, September 18.

Among other services attended were: 20 revival services, 8 Prayer Meetings, 2 Easter services, 22 preaching services, 5 Home Coming Days, 3 meetings of the Allied Church League, 5 funerals, the Y. W. A. Council Meeting, 2 Fifth Sunday Meetings, and helped plan these programs as well as other programs. Attended the Ground Breaking Exercises for the new West Bladenboro Baptist Church.

One hundred and twenty-one visits have been made to the different church communities and several visits in each community, to the church members, in the interest of the work of the church. Four thousand bulletins have been printed and distributed, a calendar of activities was provided the first of the year for each church, pastor, and the leaders of the different organizations in each church; 14,215 miles traveled. Many letters, cards, telephone calls, committee meetings, conferences, etc., have demanded much of my time and thought. I have served these years as Secretary of the Pastor's Conference and for the past year have served as Secretary and Treasury of the N. C. Associational Missionaries Conference, which has taken a small amount of time, and thought, as well as energy.

To our entire Executive Committee, our Pastors, Missions Committee and to every one who has helped make this report possible, I want to say, "Thank you". To the Giver of every perfect gift, My Heavenly Father and Director, I am humbly grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. J. Hall.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER

The Treasurer wishes to thank the Churches and their Treasurers for their cooperation in our Associational Mission Program during the past year. We have managed to pay our bills promptly and close the

year with a small balance.

The following table gives the receipts by Churches. Column 1 gives the money for '52 minutes paid after Oct. 18, 1952. Column 2 gives the receipts for minutes this year. Column 3 gives the contributions to Associational Missions. Column 4 gives the offerings at the schools of Missions. Column 5 gives the total received from each Church by the Associational Treasurer.

Abbottsburg	$10.00	$12.00	$ 35.00	$23.34	$ 80.34
Beard's Chapel	5.00		40.00	21.01	66.01
Bethel	5.00	12.00	50.00		67.00
Bladenboro First	5.00	25.00	337.50	75.00	442.50
Briar Brance		5.00			5.00
Butters		3.00			3.00
Calvary		6.00	15.00	23.11	49.11
Center Roads	10.00	10.00	30.00		50.00
Clarkton	12.50	12.50	100.00	42.51	167.51
Council	7.00	5.00	60.00	41.94	113.94
Cypress Creek		15.00		42.11	57.11
Dublin First		15.00	52.00	31.63	98.63
Elizabethtown		30.00	350.00	75.68	455.68
Galeed	2.00		50.00	60.00	112.00
Hickory Grove		15.00		51.09	66.09
Lagoon		2.00			2.00
Lisbon		10.00	50.00	14.01	74.01
Love Grove		12.00		91.08	103.08
Nat Moore		3.00			3.00
New Center	1.00	5.00		15.00	21.00
Richardson			25.00		25.00
Riverside	1.50		46.26		47.76
Sandy Grove		5.00		52.55	57.55
Shady Grove	1.00	10.00	60.00	53.12	124.12
Suggs Grove		4.00			4.00
Tobemory	3.00	5.00	20.00		28.00
W. Bladenboro	4.00	5.00	75.00	21.80	105.80
White's Creek		10.00	75.00	54.91	139.91
White Lake		15.00		47.79	62.79
White Oak		15.00	100.00	33.24	148.24
Zion Hill	5.00	15.00	100.00	55.86	175.86
Totals	$72.00	$281.50	$1,670.76	$931.78	$2,956.04

Total Received From the Churches	$2,956.04
Amount Transferred From Former Clerk	725.77
Assistance from Baptist State Convention	999.00
John H. McCrimmon, Balance from Group Training School	3.24
R. A. Britt, Cut for picture in '52 Minutes	6.00
Magazine Subscriptions during School of Missions	38.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$4,728.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mrs. Pearl C. Hall, Salary, less retirement	$2,016.00
Mrs. Pearl C. Hall, Travel Expenses	600.00

Mrs. Pearl C. Hall, Missionary's office expense	100.00
Baptist State Convention, Retirement for Mrs. Hall	168.00
Mrs. G. W. Hester, Mission Study Books	5.35
Dr. M. Ray McKay, Travel Expense	18.00
The McCulloch Press, Printing Minutes	325.00
Postage for mailing Minutes	6.61
Expense of the Schools of Missions	631.56
The Commission, Subscriptions	9.00
Southern Baptist Home Mission, Subscriptions	29.50
Clerk's Expense	80.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$3,989,02
BALANCE, October 16, 1953	$739.53

Note that no disposition has been made of the $300.22 balance from the offerings taken at the Schools of Missions after the expenses were paid. This leaves a net balance of $439.31 of Associational Mission and Minute Funds.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. MOORE, Treasurer

BUDGET FOR 1953-54

Salary of the Missionary	$2,100.00
Travel Expense for the Missionary	720.00
Office Expense, Missionary's Office	180.00
For Printing the Minutes	325.00
Minister's Retirement	84.00
Clerk's Expense	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
TOTAL	$3,659.00

EXPECTED INCOME

Baptist State Convention, Aid on Missionary's Salary	$972.00
From the Churches for Associational Missions	2,362.00
From the Churches for Minute Funds	325.00
TOTAL EXPECTED	$3,659.00

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. MOORE, Clerk-Treasurer.

REPORT ON PUBLIC MORALS

"Watchman what of the night?"

We would like to be able to say that the morning light is breaking, that the wave of evil is receding. We cannot, however as we look at the moral condition of today.

The night is dark.

Crime is costing the taxpayer of the United States more than 15 billions of dollars annually. In the face of this fact we are spending only about 4 billions to educate our children. While we were giving 2% of our income for religious and beneficient causes we were spend-

ing 8½ billions for liquors to say nothing of the billions spent for gambling, immoral literature.

We face not only the liquor traffic, but "Hell's Quadruplets", Drinking, Gambling, Dancing and the modern Movies, and there are many off-springs, hatred, murder, suicide, adultery, rape, stealing, Lord's Day desecration and many other evils in the catalogue.

We now have more barmaids than college girls. Three times as many criminals as college students. It is reported that nine million girls in the United States are victims of social diseases, while one thousand girls enter white slavery annually.

Is there no way to a brighter day? Yes there is a way.

When the Christian ministry and lay leaders will dare to live the consecrated life and speak with all boldness, condemning sin and calling upon the members of the churches for separation from sin and unto God, and call the lost to "REPENTANCE toward God and FAITH in the Lord Jesus Christ," then and only then can we expect to raise the standard of morals in our world. We must lead to stem the tide of evil.

God give us men of conviction and courage for such a time as this.

Respectfully submitted,
J. BRYAN DOSHER.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Again your Orphanage has moved forward in its ministry of Child Care. During the year we served a total of 728 children. In addition to this our Social Service Department helped to adjust 214 children with relatives, and thus prevented them from having to be cared for by the Institution. Your program includes Mills Home of Thomasville, Kennedy Home of Kinston, Mother's Aid, and Boarding Homes. The Baptists of North Carolina probably provide more services for children than any othe similar group in the nation.

Practically all of our many children developed normally. There was very little sickness and none of a serious nature. In the schools at Thomasville and La Grange they were well adjusted, and their records compare favorably with the average of all other children in these schools. Twenty-four were graduated from high school in June. We believe they will make a worthy contribution to their generation.

We have been particularly pleased with the spiritual development in our two Homes. During the year fifty professed faith in Christ and were baptized. Another thirty accepted Christ as Savior, but were not baptized until early in this year.

Added to our many other activities we have promoted the greatest building and renovating program in the history of the Orphanage. A new cottage, a new Print Shop, and a new Infirmary were completed in 1952. The I. G. Greer Recreational Building was finished early in 1953, and a beautiful new church that will seat 580 people will be completed this year. Then we have completely remodeled some of the cottages and made them into good living quarters for the children. This great building program was made possible by the money left to Mills Home in the will of the late Robert M. Idol. In my report next year I hope to be able to say that the Building and Renovating

Program is finished. When this is done, I doubt if any Child Care Agency in America will have more adequate facilities than the Baptists of North Carolina.

The income for the year was good. It was slightly above the income for the previous year. Truly we can say, "God is good to us, and through North Carolina Baptists He has lifted the burdens from the shoulders of many of our fine boys and girls."

Respectfully submitted,
SIDNEY BRITT.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN BLADEN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church Membership
L. L. Barnes	Route 2, Elizabethtown (OP)	Beard's Chapel
W. M. Brisson	Dublin (OM)	Love's Grove
R. A. Britt	Bladenboro (OP)	Bladenboro First
Joe R. Burn	Tar Heel (OP)	Love's Grove
N. B. Edge	Lake Waccamaw (OP)	Sugg's Grove
R. J. Edwards	Butters (OR)	Butters
Robert L. Edwards	Dublin (OP)	Dublin
A. D. Frazier	Elizabethtown (OP)	Elizabethtown
Gaston Hester	Bladenboro (OP)	West Bladenboro
James M. Hester	Long Beach, Cal. (R.Ch)	Calvary
Holland Hughes	Bladenboro (OP)	West Bladenboro
J. S. Johnson	White Oak (OP)	White Oak
T. H. Lambert	Dublin (OP)	Bethel
E. S. Lingle	Ash (OP)	White's Creek
John H. McCrimmon	Bladenboro (OP)	Bladenboro First
Richard McDuffie	Route 2, Elizabethtown (OM)	Briar Branch
John A. Moore	Clarkton (OP)	Clarkton
Mark Owens	104½ E. Smith, Whiteville (OP)	White's Creek
Z. G. Ray	Tar Heel (OP)	Love's Grove
J. J. Weeks	Clarkton (OR)	Clarkton

O—Ordained. P—Pastor. M—Minister. R—Retired.

ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS

None

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

R. L. (Bobby) Johnson	Elizabethtown
E. V. Lehto, Jr.	Elizabethtown

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

Joe R. Burn, Tar Heel	Love's Grove

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Marion V. Elkins, Buies Creek, Campbell College	Galeed
R. L. (Bobby) Johnson, Campbell College,	Elizabethtown
E. V. Lehto, Wake Forest College	Elizabethtown

MUSIC DIRECTORS

R. A. Bedsole, Tar Heel ..... Love's Grove
Miss Marion Britt, Elizabethtown ..... Calvary
Mrs. Ernest Cain, Garland ..... Cypress Creek
N. C. Cain, White Oak ..... Sugg's Grove
Mrs. Stanley Davis, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Richardson
Mrs. D. V. Dunham, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
E. B. Graham, Ivanhoe ..... Riverside
Kendrick Hester, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill
Victor Van Hook, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Mrs. David Hursey, Dublin ..... Dublin
Philip Johnson, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
Mrs. Berry R. Lewis, Route 1, Clarkton ..... White's Creek
Arthur Milligan, Bladenboro ..... West Bladenboro
J. M. Moore, Route 1, Council ..... Council
Mrs. Worth Packer, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Butters
W. D. Pait, Jr., Bladenboro ..... Center Roads
A. N. Putnam, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Mrs. Julian Savage, Council ..... Lisbon
Oliver Smith, Route 1, Garland ..... Beard's Chapel
F. L. Tatum, White Oak ..... White Oak
Miss Lessie Thompson, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Shady Grove
Mrs. E. W. Woodell, Bladenboro ..... Bethel
Gerald Yarborough, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg

PIANISTS OR ORGANISTS

Mrs. Lena Barnes, Garland ..... Beard's Chapel
Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro ..... West Bladenboro
Miss Louise Britt, Elizabethtown ..... Calvary
Thyra Brown, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill
Mrs. Stewart Davis, Bladenboro ..... Sandy Grove
Mrs. Wilbert Davis, Parkersburg ..... Cypress Creek
Miss Irene Edwards, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Miss Goldie Ellis, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Mrs. Margaret Evans, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Shady Grove
Mrs. Ernest L. Gause, Elizabethtown ..... Lisbon
Mrs. E. B. Graham, Ivanhoe ..... Riverside
Mrs. E. C. Henry, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Miss Mona Dean Hester, Dublin ..... Dublin First
Mrs. Ruby Hester, Bladenboro ..... Center Roads
Victor Van Hook, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Mrs. Ruth Jordan, White Oak ..... Sugg's Grove
Miss Althea Lewis, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
Mrs. Hallie McClure, White Oak ..... White Oak
Mrs. Angie Mercer, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Butters
Miss Pat Roberts, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Bethel
Nash Singletary, Tar Heel ..... Love's Grove
Mrs. Mary Spence, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Richardson
Mrs. G. L. Todd, Elizabethtown ..... White's Creek
Mrs. Doris Williams, Council ..... Council
Mrs. Ruth Yarborough, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg

CHURCH LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Truett Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Ella Sue Grimsley, Council ..... Council

CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

B. C. Barnes, Garland ..... Beard's Chapel
S. A. Bedsole, Tar Heel ..... Love's Grove
J. A. Bridger, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
A. W. Brisson, Dublin ..... Bethel
W. E. Bryan, Bladenboro ..... Center Roads
P. G. Cain, White Oak ..... White Oak
C. M. Davis, Parkersburg ..... Cypress Creek
R. A. Edge, Route 5, Fayetteville ..... Sugg's Grove
Ross Edwards, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Butters
E. B. Graham, Ivanhoe ..... Riverside
W. B. Hester, Bladenboro ..... West Bladenboro
M. B. Kinlaw, Bladenboro ..... Sandy Grove
Seth Lewis, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
J. D. McKeithan, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
S. McLean, Route 2, Council ..... Council
D. M. Merritt, Lagoon ..... Lagoon
S. W. Phillips, Route 2, Council ..... Lisbon
A. S. Register, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Ikey Singletary, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Richardson
L. D. Smith, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
J. C. Taylor, Route 1, Elizabethtown ..... Dublin First
Leston Thompson, Clarkton ..... Shady Grove
A. Roy Townsend, Route 1, Clarkton ..... White's Creek
W. D. Ward, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
W. B. Warner, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Calvary

VISUAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS

None

IN MEMORIAM

With profound sorrow we the people of the Bladen Association record the deaths of the following:

Abbottsburg—Mrs. Tine Cashwell, Mrs. Vivian Bradshaw Dowless.

Beards Chapel—Mrs. Nellie Smith.

Bethel Baptist—Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Charlie Burney.

Bladenboro First—Mrs. Ruth Pait Johnson, Mrs. Ada Johnson, Mr. D. H. Russ.

Center Roads—Mr. Fred Davis, Miss Carrie Taylor, Mr. P. C. Butler.

Clarkton—Mr. E. L. Green, Deacon.

Cypress Creek—Mrs. H. E. Hilton.

First Baptist Church of Dublin—Mrs. John C. Britt, Mrs. George Melvin.

Elizabethtown—Mrs. B. F. Rollins, Mr. Jim Henry McLaney.

Galeed—Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. B. M. Davis, Sr.

Hickory Grove—Mrs. Ella Summit, Mrs. Mildred Brisson Batten.

Lisbon—Mr. Clyde Kemp.

Love's Grove—Mr. Aubrey Jordan.

Sandy Grove—Mrs. Missourie Edwards.

Shady Grove—Mrs. V. A. Edwards, Mrs. Owen Thompson, Mr. G. Preston Thompson.

West Bladenboro—Mr. Jim Thompson, Mrs. T. C. Dowless, Rev. Kelly, Coleman, Mrs. Della Smith.

Whites Creek—Mr. Billy Sweatt.

White Oak—Mr. R. G. Kinlaw, Deacon, S. S. Supt., Mrs. Minnie Johnson.

Zion Hill—Mr. E. H. Ivey, Mrs. Kate Barber, Mrs. Letitia Britt.

In the passing of each one of these dear people, a place is left vacant; each one is remembered for faithfulness to duty and kindness rendered to those in need.

We miss them very keenly, but we realize that our Heavenly Father makes no mistakes, and as an Association, we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. PHILLIPS.

REPORT ON SIXTY YEARS COOPERATION

The following historical summary table reveals graphically the progress of sixty-one years cooperation of the churches of Bladen Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. MOORE

Session	Year	Baptisms	Church Members	Sunday School Enrollment	Training Union Enrollment	W. M. U. Enrollment	Local Expenditures	Mission Expenditures	Total Expenditures	Total Value Church Property
1	1892									
2	1893			650			905	96	1,001	
3	1894	73	1,909	871			973	128	1,101	3,240
4	1895	124	2,131	937			872	270	1,142	
5	1896									
6	1897	62	1,975	1,019			977	235	1,212	
7	1898	36	1,851	1,019			981	270	1,251	
8	1899	41	1,994	934			1,189	316	1,505	
9	1900	58	1,855	941			1,371	374	1,745	
10	1901	65	1,592	782			966	315	1,281	
11	1902	55	1,660				1,024	318	1,342	
12	1903	89	1,735	653			1,005	700	1,705	
13	1904	108	1,669	651			1,005	758	1,763	
14	1905	75	1,665	518			1,669	662	2,331	
15	1906	83	1,654	594			1,711	875	2,586	
16	1907	152	1,873	828			2,530	1,074	3,604	
17	1908	114	1,767	864			1,977	801	2,778	
18	1909	55	1,598	669			2,807	863	3,670	
19	1910	53	1,732	819			2,427	850	3,277	
20	1911	43	1,721	890			2,033	1,122	3,155	
21	1912	88	1,881	1,169			9,588	1,401	10,989	
22	1913	46	1,627	991			7,582	1,183	8,765	
23	1914	114	1,654	1,015		144	18,616	1,345	19,961	
24	1915	91	1,528	1,069			3,617	1,289	4,906	23,400
25	1916	64	1,797	1,373		106	2,713	1,775	4,488	28,550
26	1917	87	1,863	1,028		184	4,324	2,033	6,357	31,100
27	1918	74	1,756	1,024		210	4,241	3,047	7,288	29,200
28	1919	122	1,918	1,056		207	7,974	3,294	11,268	42,500
29	1920	78	1,867	1,008		292	9,705	10,132	19,837	49,000
30	1921	78	1,867	1,008		292	9,717	10,228	19,945	49,000
31	1922	82	2,149	1,235		695	10,259	5,802	16,062	46,220
32	1923	60	2,051	1,093	211	323	14,128	5,411	19,539	52,100
33	1924	146	2,149	1,580	233	342	12,652	6,217	18,868	61,500
34	1925	122	2,559	1,907	375	348	11,274	2,606	13,880	67,800
35	1926	103	2,707	2,033	263	494	13,503	4,028	17,531	67,800
36	1927	80	2,912	1,966	314	629	19,776	4,128	23,905	86,100
37	1928	83	2,876	1,986	258		21,980	3,689	25,670	88,600
38	1929	193	3,104	2,264	338	479	23,319	3,566	26,632	108,100
39	1930	77	3,152	2,555			10,374	2,867	13,241	
40	1931	70	2,813	2,207	428	226	8,212	2,973	11,194	93,480
41	1932	87	3,003	2,768	543		8,336	3,987	12,323	106,900
42	1933						7,733	1,723	9,451	
43	1934	109	2,613	2,551	356	494	9,272	2,489	11,746	102,600
44	1935	104	3,075	2,386	263	522	11,305	3,003	13,966	106,200
45	1936	97	3,203	2,558	329	461	11,673	3,146	14,819	105,625
46	1937	160	3,366	2,166	274	513	12,523	3,735	16,258	97,315
47	1938	158	4,186	2,542	316	486	11,690	3,097	14,787	110,400
48	1939	189	3,643	2,792	379	638	12,921	2,932	15,853	102,650
49	1940	178	3,807	2,501	586	675	17,510	3,020	20,530	122,400
50	1941	98	3,845	2,550	351	480	18,019	3,664	21,683	138,085
51	1942	101	3,855	2,811	276	613	20,544	5,325	25,869	145,801
52	1943	125	3,990	2,547	408	555	30,786	9,266	40,052	152,072
53	1944	147	4,108	2,358	340	595	25,852	10,657	36,409	151,950
54	1945	167	4,170	2,852	272	729	34,105	15,179	49,284	157,850
55	1946	222	4,318	3,149	490	622	46,513	20,233	66,746	
56	1947	153	4,419	3,127	707	900	57,924	17,902	75,826	
57	1948	201	4,572	3,431	824	1,022	80,491	22,108	102,599	
58	1949	158	4,841	3,946	978	1,125	62,406	20,716	83,122	
59	1950	192	4,750	4,520	1,121	1,211	78,098	25,405	103,503	
60	1951	219	4,893	5,134	1,110	1,287	105,513	25,121	130,634	
61	1952	181	5,263	5,012	1,484	1 353	$ 167,290	$ 34,689	$ 201,979	$ 443,729

HISTORICAL TABLE—BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Brown's Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at that meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized Bladen Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1	1892	Mt. Pleasant	William Brunt	H. B. Register	W. S. Melvin
2	1893	Cypress Creek	William Brunt	H. B. Register	A. J. Brodax
3	1894	Galeed	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
4	1895	White Oak	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brisson
5	1896	Hickory Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brunt
6	1897	Clarkton	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	C. E. Beard
7	1898	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
8	1899	Frenches Creek	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	E. J. Edwards
9	1900	Mt. Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	W. S. Ballard
10	1901	Garland	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	H. C. Dillard
11	1902	Galeed	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
12	1903	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
13	1904	Shady Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	A. H. Porter
14	1905	White Lake	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	J. S. Farmer
15	1906	Hickory Grove	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	H. B. Humphrey
16	1907	White Oak	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. T. Britt
17	1908	Abbottsburg	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
18	1909	White Lake	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. O. Meeks
19	1910	Mt. Zion	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	A. L. Betts
20	1911	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
21	1912	Bethel	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Fleming
22	1913	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Hester
23	1914	Bladenboro	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
24	1915	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
25	1916	Bethel	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	J. D. Howell
26	1917	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
27	1918	Elizabethtown	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
28	1919	White Oak	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	R. E. Powell
29	1920	Center Road	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	E. O. Johnson
30	1921	Elizabethtown	R. E. Powell	D. B. Johnson	R. E. Powell
31	1922	Hickory Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
32	1923	White Oak	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	W. D. Pridgen
33	1924	Galeed	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
34	1925	Love's Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
35	1926	Clarkton	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
36	1927	White Oak	R. J. Hester	Seth Lewis	L. E. Dutton
37	1928	White's Creek	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
38	1929	Bladenboro	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
39	1930	Clarkton	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. A. Coleman
40	1931	Elizabethtown	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
41	1932	Hickory Grove	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	R. J. Hall
42	1933	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. R. Hinton
43	1934	Abbottsburg	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. A. Paul
44	1935	White Oak	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. C. Hough
45	1936	Tar Heel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	Joel Johnson
46	1937	Sandy Grove	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
47	1938	Center Road	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
48	1939	White Lake	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. B. Horne
49	1940	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	M. O. Alexander
50	1941	Zion Hill	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. H. Canady
51	1942	White's Creek	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	R. F. Marshburn
52	1943	Galeed	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	S. R. Goodman
53	1944	Clarkton	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	B. H. Laughridge
54	1945	Hickory Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. S. Smith
55	1946	Bladenboro	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. D. Frazier
56	1947	Cypress Creek	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. P. Stevens
57	1948	Shady Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. P. Burchett
58	1949	Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	B. W. Howell
59	1950	Lisbon	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	John A. Moore
60	1951	Center Roads	C. D. Brisson	R. A. Britt	J. B. Dosher
61	1952	Love Grove	C. D. Brisson	Leon D. Smith	F. W. Naylor
		Clarkton			M. M. Turner
62	1953	Dublin First	Leon D. Smith	John A. Moore	John H. McCrimmon
		Sandy Grove			R. M. Walton

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES John A. Moore, Clerk, Clarkton, N. C. Leon D. Smith, Moderator Elizabethtown, N. C.	GAINS		LOSSES	TOTAL			SPECIAL INFORMATION				
					Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death Transfer etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Are Members Asked to Pledge to Church Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
			AM PM												
Abbottsburg	R	1871	1-3	H. B. Bennett, Shallotte	5	0	5	74	21	95	2		Yes	No	$ 720
Beard's Chapel	R	1890	2-4	Holland Hughes, Bladenboro	0	1	3	66	24	90	2		No	No	600
Bethel	R	1882	2-4 1-3	J. H. Lambert, Dublin	11	9	2	175	29	204	2	12	No	No	1,600
Bladenboro, First	T	1911	All	John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	5	5	13	315	54	369	1	70	No	Yes	5,000
Briar Branch	R	1898	2	L. L. Barnes, Route 2, Elizabethtown				68		68	1		No	No	105
Butters	V	1932	4 2	Gaston Hester, Route 1, Bladenboro	3	3	3	81	33	114	2	5	No	No	470
Calvary	R	1939	2-4	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	4	0	0	43	20	63	1	6	No	No	386
Center Roads	R	1885	2-4	A. T. Peacock, Chadbourn	5	0	6	254	29	283	2		No	No	1,200
Clarkton	T	1884	2-4 1-3	John A. Moore, Clarkton	6	5	6	226	66	292	1		No	No	2,000
Council	V	1912	1-3 2-4	J. Bryan Dosher, Kelly				123	37	160	2	25	Yes	No	1,680
Cypress Creek	R	1803	1-3 2-4	E. F. Knight, Harrells	4	1	5	145	20	167	1	15	No	No	1,500
Dublin, First	V	1951	1-3 2-4	Robert L. Edwards, Dublin	0	2	12	170	16	186	1	16	No	No	1,800
Elizabethtown	T	1903	1-2-3-4	A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown	12	21	20	519	56	573	2	68	No	No	4,500
Galeed	R	1876	4 3		11	7	11	174	95	269	2		No	No	800
Hickory Grove	R	1834	2-4 1-3	Robert L. Edwards, Dublin	6	4	6	222		222	1		No	No	1,500
Lagoon	R	1896	2	J. Bryan Dosher, Kelly		1		13	12	25	1	1	No	No	150
Lisbon	R	1872	1-3 2-4	R. A. Britt, Bladenboro	2	4	3	166		166	2	9	Yes	No	1,200
Love's Grove	V	1872	2-4 1-3	J. R. Burn, Tar Heel	13	4	1	230		230	2	8	Yes	No	1,500
Nat Moore	R	1914	3	N. B. Edge, Elizabethtown			2	48	8	56	1		No	No	184
New Center	R	1947	2-4		6	4		55		55	3				94
Richardson	R	1914	1-3	John A. Moore, Clarkton		4		62	27	89	1		No	No	401
Riverside	R	1924			0	0	6	71	34	105	1		Yes	No	724
Sandy Grove	R	1880	2-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	1	5	6	206	10	216	2		Yes	No	1,200
Shady Grove	R	1880	1-3 2-4	Mark Owens, Whiteville	11		4	138	41	190	2	6	No	Yes	750
Suggs Grove	R	1855		D. M. Clemmons, Fayetteville		1	1	98	42	140	1	10	Yes	No	405
Tobermory	R	1937						84		84					184
West Bladenboro	T	1917	1-2-3-4	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	5	3	4	157		157	2	16	No	No	1,200
White's Creek	R	1914	2-4 1-3	Mark Owens, Whiteville	11	13	3	112	21	133	1	15		No	1,200
White Lake	R	1846	1-3 2-4				4	54	48	102	2	2	No	No	647
White Oak	R	1858	1-3 2-4	J. S. Johnson, White Oak	1		12	122	91	213	2	15	No	No	937
Zion Hill	R	1886	2-4 1-3		2	2	6	124	30	157	2	14	No	No	1,800
Total					124	99	144	4,409	864	5,273	48	313			36,438

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES B. O. Ward, Associational Superintendent, Bladenboro	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT																
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V. B. S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Abbottsburg	Billy McKeithan, Abbottsburg			20	25	22	12	15	52				146	83	94	88	No	3
Beard's Chapel	Gaddie Norris, Route 1, Garland			18	14	16	14	50	38		2		152	85			No	
Bethel	Thomas Carroll, Dublin			22	21	26	52	65	59		2		247	157	88	80	Yes	
Bladenboro, First	J. J. Pittman, Bladenboro		24	36	41	48	34	9	131	5	3		331	186	134	110	Yes	1
Briar Branch	Willard Hardison, Route 2, Elizabethtown	4		12		6	12		14		4		52	35	12			
Butters	Ross Edwards, Route 1, Bladenboro			17		12	9	15	18				71	70			No	
Calvary	W. B. Warner, Route 1, Clarkton				4	8	8	8	20		7		55	37			No	0
Center Roads	J. L. Hester, Bladenboro			45		30	35	60	20		4		194	130	105	95	No	
Clarkton	E. W. Warner, Clarkton		23	17	35	27	37	25	102				266	171	74	61	Yes	4
Council	A. L. Grimsley, Route 1, Council		5	13	9	19	12	12	50	11			131	83	64	51		
Cypress Creek	Wilbert Davis, Route 1, Parkersburg		19	18	21	24	17	14	76	9			198	125	122	95	No	
Dublin, First	C. D. Brisson, Dublin	1	5	33	25	28	21	60	61		7		241	164	77	69	Yes	
Elizabethtown	D. A. Harris, Elizabethtown	8	16	48	65	58	45	42	188		4		521	298	218	176	Yes	2
Galeed	Hal Kelly, Boardman		16	15	16	33	33	23	75	2			213	133	96	90	No	
Hickory Grove	Julius Allen, Route 1, Bladenboro			30		32	18	9	82				171	158				
Lagoon	R. H. Merrett, Lagoon	2		1		4			15		4		26	15			Yes	
Lisbon	Irvin Phillips, Council	12		13	10	26	20	18	50	14	4		167	90	67	60	Yes	2
Love's Grove	R. A. Bedsole, Tar Heel			23	36	23	38	40	66		2		228	135	114	101	No	1
Nat Moore	Lee Robeson, Kelly				10	16			20				46	20			No	
New Center	Harold Hill, Bladenboro			18	22	18		26	28		7		119	70	90	50		
Richardson	Elery Singletary, Route 1, Bladenboro			10	11	12	11		15				59	30	43	37	Yes	
Riverside	Bill Jernigan, Route 1, Garland			6	11	14	10	7	39				87		56			
Sandy Grove	T. E. Guyton, Bladenboro			20	20	20	15	10	40				135	110	20	20	Yes	2
Shady Grove	Leston Thompson, Clarkton		24	20	12	18	24	32	38		2		170	116	93	75	No	3
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Route 5, Fayetteville	8		10	6	12	12	20	47		2		117	95	100			
Tobermory	Oscar Terry, Route 2, St. Paul's		4	12	14	13	11	12	21				87	55	57	54	No	
West Bladenboro	Tally Kinlaw, Bladenboro			17	15	30	16	14	38		8		138	125	71	65	Yes	
White's Creek	B. H. Priest, Route 1, Clarkton			29		14	20	15	40		2		120		77	66	No	2
White Lake	Gaddie Smith, Route 2, Elizabethtown		2	20	21	20	22	7	25		6		142	65	25	25	No	
White Oak	E. M. Tatum, White Oak			10	10	15	18	10	38		1		102	75			No	
Zion Hill	Hutchingson B. White, Route 1, Bladenboro			31	20	20	15	18	90				194	98			Yes	
Total		35	138	584	494	664	591	636	1,596	41	71		4,926	3,014	1,920	1,469		20

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES Mark Owens, Associational Director 104½ East Smith, Whiteville, N. C.	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT										
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abbottsburg	Billy McKeithan, Abbottsburg					15					15	12
Beard s Chapel												
Bethel	Edgar Priest, Tar Heel		15	19	20			28		16	98	55
Bladenboro, First	Mrs. Hilda Bute, Bladenboro			19	27	25		19		2	92	63
Briar Branch	None											
Butters	None											
Calvary	Miss Marion Britt, Elizabethtown					12		10		3	25	15
Center Roads	Mrs. Luther Bryan, Bladenboro				20			40		2	62	
Clarkton	D. B. Little, Route 1, Clarkton			11	7	11	12	11		8	60	42
Council	H. E. Cox, Route 1, Council											
Cypress Creek	Mrs. Eddis Smith, Route 1, Parkersburg	10	15	10	10	8	9	20			82	
Dublin, First	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Route 2, Bladenboro		7	6	11	22		27		4	77	
Elizabethtown	Mrs. Richard Gillespie, Elizabethtown		17	27	15	27	10	31		4	131	76
Galeed	Miss Velma Ward, Bladenboro				12	19	21	29			81	60
Hickory Grove	F. T. Nance, Route 1, Bladenboro		20		22	16		36			94	63
Lagoon	Mrs. Louanna Marshall, Lagoon				6			13		1	20	8
Lisbon	Bradford Barber, Clarkton	3	10	9	16	16		20		4	78	40
Love's Grove	Alden Singletary, Tar Heel		13	20	17	18	13	34		5	120	
Nat Moore	None											
New Center	None											
Richardson	None											
Riverside	W. K. Evans, Tomahawk				12	6	25				43	36
Sandy Grove	Richard Edwards, Bladenboro										60	40
Shady Grove	Riley Evans, Route 1, Clarkton	12			15	7	12	21		2	69	
Suggs Grove	None											
Tobermory	Nick L. Baker, Route 2, St. Paul's				10	15					25	20
West Bladenboro	Arthur Milligan, Bladenboro				13	12	22	33		3	83	27
White's Creek	Mrs. George Harrelson, Elizabethtown		19		14	9	18	32			92	54
White Lake	Mrs. J. C. McClure, White Lake		10		12	12		15		7	56	26
White Oak	Miss Mary Purdie, White Oak				7	8		10			25	19
Zion Hill	Chaston Davis, Route 1, Bladenboro		12		10	9	5	7		6	49	36
Total								436		67	1,537	692

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES Associational President, Mrs. A. D. Frazier, Elizabethtown, N. C.	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Enrolled in Mission Study	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abbottsburg	Mrs. Marie Ward, Route 1, Bladenboro	1						20					20		
Beard's Chapel	None														
Bethel	Mrs. Edward Garner, Tar Heel	1	1	1		1	4	20	20	9		15	64	16	8
Bladenboro, First	Mrs. J. F. Butler, Bladenboro	1	1	2	2	2	8	109	12	22	24	24	191	119	64
Briar Branch	None														
Butters	Mrs. Henry Sykes, Route 1, Bladenboro														
Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Route 1, Clarkton	1					1	16					16		6
Center Roads	Mrs. Luther Bryan, Bladenboro	1		1	1		3	16		8	17		41		
Clarkton	Mrs. N. B. Ellis, Clarkton	1	1	2		1	5	72	18	24		14	128	99	15
Council	Mrs. Nettie Moore, Route 1, Council	1		1			2	15		5			20		20
Cypress Creek	Mrs. Ernest Cain, Route 1, Garland	3	1		1		5	38	18		13		69	52	14
Dublin, First	Mrs. Marshall Bordeaux, Route 1, Elizabethtown	1	1	1		1	4	24	9	13		22	68		16
Elizabethtown	Mrs. Milton Fisher, Elizabethtown	1	1	2	1	3	8	177	9	30	11	49	276	309	68
Galeed	Mrs. Spurgeon Frink, Bladenboro	1	1	1			3	29	20	18			67		
Hickory Grove	Miss Ruby Hester, Route 2, Bladenboro	1		1			2	40		20			60		16
Lagoon	Miss Atwood Smith, Lagoon	1					1	5					5	5	
Lisbon	Mrs. S. W. Phillips, Council	1	1	2	1	1	6	23	7	22	15	20	87	65	9
Love's Grove	Mrs. N. W. Singletary, Tar Heel	1		1	1		3	23		24	10		57	57	
Nat Moore	None														
New Center	None														
Richardson	Mrs. Sam Singletary, Route 1, Bladenboro	1					1	19					19		
Riverside	Mrs. Norman Rich, Tomahawk	1		1		1	3	25		6		9	40		3
Sandy Grove	Mrs. T. E. Guyton, Bladenboro	1	1				2	18	24				42	13	14
Shady Grove	Mrs. Della Santee, Route 2, Bladenboro	1		1	1	1	4	15		6	9	26	56		
Suggs Grove	Mrs. Lucile Edge, White Oak	1					1	15					15		
Tobermory	Mrs. Vida Townsend, Route 2, St. Paul's	1		1			2	12		16			28		3
West Bladenboro	Mrs. J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro	1					1	16					16	16	16
White's Creek	Mrs. Grace Hucks, Route 1, Clarkton	1		1			2	22		9			31	120	15
White Lake	None														
White Oak	Mrs. Rufus Burney, White Oak	1		1			2	17		18			35		6
Zion Hill	Mrs. Livie Hester, Route 1, Bladenboro	1	1	1	1		4	20	6	15	18		59		13
Total		27	10	21	9	11	77	806	143	265	117	179	1,510	871	306

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK, BUIILDING, GOALS, CHURCH LIBRARY, MUSIC, VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES AssociationBrotherhood President J. E. Kinlaw, Elizabethtown	BROTHERHOOD		BUILDING			GOALS		CHURCH LIBRARY	CHURCH MUSIC					VISUAL EDUCATION	
										Choir Director						
		Enrolment of Brotherhood	Meetings Held During Year	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association missions coming Year	Does your Church have a library.	Full-time	Part-time	Salary	Volunteer	Number Church Choirs	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Abbottsburg				None	$ 5,000	None		$	No				Yes		No	No
Beard's Chapel				None	5,000	None	$ 124.00	40.00	No				Yes		No	No
Bethel				None	60,000				No				Yes		No	No
Bladenboro, First				$ 15,000	75,000	None	2,400.00	450.00	Yes	Yes		2,400		2	Yes	Yes
Briar Branch					1,170				No				Yes		No	No
Butters					3,200	None			No				Yes		No	No
Calvary					4,500	None			No				Yes	1	No	No
Center Roads					15,000	3,800			No				Yes		No	No
Clarkton	Harry Prince, Clarkton			5,585	47,751	None	1,100.00	100.00	No				Yes	1	No	No
Council					4,500											
Cypress Creek					10,000		350.00	50.00	No				Yes		No	No
Dublin First					40,000	4,155	104.00	100.00	No				Yes	2	No	No
Elizabethtown	N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown	50	12	12,250	100,000	26,000	2,500.00	400.00	No				Yes	3	Yes	Yes
Galeed					10,000				No				Yes	1	No	No
Hickory Grove					10,000				No				Yes		No	No
Lagoon					3,000	None			No						No	No
Lisbon					20,000	500	120.00	60.00	No				Yes	2	No	No
Love's Grove					9,809	None			No				Yes		No	No
Nat Moore					1,500											
New Center					2,500											
Richardson					2,515	None	100.00	25.00	No				Yes		No	No
Riverside					4,500	None	312.50	31.50	No				Yes		No	No
Sandy Grove					6,000										No	No
Shady Grove					12,000				No				Yes		No	No
Suggs Grove					20,000	None			No				Yes		No	No
Tobermory					1,500											
West Bladenboro				5,000	10,000	None			No				Yes		No	No
White's Creek					5,000	None	100.00	120.00	No				Yes	2	No	No
White Lake					5,000											
White Oak				2,500	7,750		400.00	100.00	Yes				Yes	1	No	No
Zion Hill					3,500	None			No				Yes		No	No
Total		50	12	$40,335.00	$505,695.00	$34,455.00	$7,610.50	$1,476.50						15		

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES Associational Treasurer, John A. Moore, Clarkton, N. C.	All Receipts Through all Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt.	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor s Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Abbottsburg	B. B. Bradshaw, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	3,793.53		35.33	2,159.77	241.44		198.34		64.91	2,699.79	720.00	3,419.79
Beard's Chapel	Simon Gurganious, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	2,834.39		43.53	395.85	71.56	123.75	223.32		24.84	882.85	600.00	1,482.85
Bethel	E. W. Woodell, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	20,638.44	408.52	275.00	8,550.44	396.83	213.31	414.95	8,000.00	281. 3	18,540.28	797.32	19,337.60
Bladenboro, First	H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	30,857.84	3,140.00	1,581.73		1,661.91	212.05	510.86		3,504.04	10,610.59	4,999.92	15,610.51
Briar Branch	H. W. Watson, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	312.24				38.82	5.00	54.99	50.00	14.51	163.3	105.00	268.32
Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1,201.82				101.28		255.00		140.11	496.39	470.00	966.39
Calvary	Mrs. J. B. Williams, Rt. 1, Clarkton	1,548.28			346.48	55.03	30.30	65.00		130.46	627.27	386.30	1,013.57
Center Roads	W. D. Pait, Sr., Bladenboro	7,375.20	60.00			195.71		695.50	4,300.00	303.85	5,555.06	1,200.00	6,755.06
Clarkton	Mrs. C. V. Little, Clarkton	11,019.39	161.50	674.85	4,810.09	568.91	145.90	230.41		219.75	6,811.41	2,000.00	8,811.41
Counell	S. McLean, Rt. 2, Counell	4,738.57		117.85	171.88	140.78	234.15	211.65		21.48	897.79	1,680.00	2,577.79
Cypress Creek	Wilson Smith, Rt. 1, Garland	3,482.36	52.00	37.95	1,544.27	94.15	5.00	146.00		85.50	1,964.87	1,500.00	3,464.87
Dublin, First	Kenneth Hester, Dublin	9,101.47		546.51		504.89		213.45	4,078.24	240.00	5,583.09	1,800.00	7,383.09
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	27,261.50		2,114.43	2,845.04	1,417.28	227.00	150.00	5,911.96	2,401.85	15,067.56	4,500.00	19,567.56
Galeed	Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro	4,153.82	50.00	484.20	30.00	338.38		218.00		186.97	1,307.55	1,039.16	2,346.71
Hickory Grove	Roy Hester, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	4,935.15				248.39	359.32	409.11		106.35	1,123.17	1,500.00	2,623.17
Lagoon		627.14		22.60	288.45	21.00	25.00				357.05	150.57	507.62
Lisbon	Mrs. C. A. Priest, Clarkton	2,923.35	90.00	169.95	702.55	277.05	96.90	295.00		59.20	1,690.65	1,040.00	2,730.65
Love's Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel	10,653.55		1,303.86	4,167.67	218.85	211.67	527.33			6,429.38	1,500.00	7,929.38
Nat Moore	H. B. Bigford, Kelly	213.35				19.47				20.87	40.34	183.69	224.03
New Center	Mrs. Ernest Ashley, Bladenboro	1,234.08				130.11		186.17	793.63		1,109.91	94.12	1,204.03
Richardson	Mrs. Harvey Sessioms, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1,211.19		163.45	227.09	93.87	19.12	76.38		68.64	648.55	401.00	1,049.55
Riverside	Joe Evans, Rt. 1, Tomahawk	1,949.62		35.01		121.95	13.02	100.00		19.75	289.73	723.53	1,013.26
Sandy Grove	A. W. Shaw, Bladenboro	4,353.89	96.00	583.62		137.49	52.25	337.08			1,206.44	1,550.96	2,757.40
Shady Grove	Fred Skipper, Bladenboro	3,394.01		156.45	1,780.24	207.49	23.59	205.00		487.15	2,372.77	750.00	3,122.77
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Rt. 5, Fayetteville	6,555.91		705.87	3,459.99	418.08	319.26	698.68			6,089.03	405.00	6,494.03
Tobermory	David Whichard, Rt. 2, St. Paul's	658.41		55.00		94.67	100.00	42.63			292.30	184.61	476.91
West Bladenboro	F. C. Turner, Bladenboro	2,561.63		448.95		136.68		300.00			885.63	1,200.00	2,085.63
White's Creek	T. B. Harrelson, Rt. 1, Clarkton	2,863.24		23.00		204.66	13.00	94.30		191.31	526.27	850.00	1,376.27
White Lake	D. A. Marshburn, White Lake	2,410.45		126.89	703.19	493.47		285.00			1,608.55	647.48	2,256.03
White Oak	Miss Lizzie Purdie, White Oak	4,624.31	240.00	688.21		259.10	75.00	205.00		306.20	1,773.51	937.50	2,711.01
Zion Hill	Robert Hester, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	3,369.03		128.98		180.33	25.28	142.84			477.43	1,800.00	2,277.43
Total		$182,857.16	$4,298.02	$10,523.22	$32,183.00	$9,089.63	$2,529.87	$7,492.00	$23,133.83	$8,878.97	$98,128.53	$35,716.16	$133,844.69

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGE, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES Associational Missionary Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro, N. C.	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity Relief etc.	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
Abbottsburg	Gerald Yarborough, Abbottsburg	25.37	35.00		12.00	18.25		143.41	41.63	6.25	281.91	3,701.70
Beard's Chapel	Sloan Norris, Garland	30.00	30.00		40.08		44.40	30.00	72.27		246.75	1,729.60
Bethel	F. S. Leggett, Tar Heel		50.00	69.11	72.35	74.32	19.85	51.16	51.39	25.51	413.69	19,751.29
Bladenboro, First	R. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	2,400.00	418.40	338.94	188.73	2,000.00	691.00	2,439.66	240.50	362.18	9,079.41	24,689 9.
Briar Branch	Mrs. L. F. Jones, Route 2, Elizabethtown	5.00						2.00			7.00	275.32
Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, Route 1, Bladenboro	5.00			5.00			31.04	21.00	10.00	72.04	1,038 43
Calvary			48.11	30.00	22.00	18.00		74.64	12.96	20.00	225.71	1,239.28
Center Roads	T. C. Pait, Bladenboro	250.00						154.32	125.00		529.32	7,284 38
Clarkton	Miss Marilyn Meggs, Clarkton	1,000.00	142.51	46.93	51.15	100.17	25.00	150.00	100.00	58.19	1,673.95	10,485.36
Council	J. M. Moore, Route 1, Council	119.03	60.00	92.36	33.63		1.43	322.67	130.02		759.14	3,336.93
Cypress Creek	Wilson Smith, Route 1, Garland		59.04	51.85	160.61	119.01	11.46	67.00			468.97	3,933.84
Dublin, First	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Route 2, Bladenboro	104.00	52.00	172.91	170.65	130.73		187.81	57.00	258.05	1,133.15	8,516.24
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	2,058.25	350.00	145.17	222.50	247.19	400.00	539.50	267.62	320.00	4,550.23	24,117.79
Galeed	Neil Edwards, Bladenboro	400.00	110.00	114.30	212.21	442.91		258.00	75.00	137.10	1,749.52	4,196.23
Hickory Grove	Elden Hester, Route 1, Bladenboro	714.96		34.60	79.53	113.74	53.23	928.35	208.60	178.77	2,311.98	4,935.15
Lagoon	Mrs. Bertha D. Smith, Lagoon			12.00	16.00	21.00		15.00	13.00		77.00	584.62
Lisbon	E. M. Ward, Route 1, Elizabethtown	20.00	63.11	13.11	13.00	13.44		30.00	30.00		182.66	2,913.31
Love's Grove	W. J. Monroe, Tar Heel	107.60	142.09	169.15	21.45	258.18	25.40	662.07	96.58	42.59	1,525.11	9,454.49
Nat Moore	S. T. Squires, Kelly		3.00		1.00	1.00			4.32		9.32	233.35
New Center	Mrs. J. J. Ransom, Bladenboro		30.05								30.05	1,234.08
Richardson	Stanley Davis, Route 1, Bladenboro	100.00	25.00	13.75	6.00	4.00		25.00		1.45	175.20	1,224.75
Riverside	Joe Evans, Route 1, Tomahawk	354.69	42.45	22.57	12.40	17.20		152.05	34.00	24.00	659.36	1,672.62
Sandy Grove	L. B. Cain, Bladenboro	79.72	122.51	28.53	137.79	95.76		192.40	112.50	2.56	772.22	3,529.62
Shady Grove	Mrs. B. J. King, Route 2, Bladenboro	67.44	51.00	7.00	63.02	2.61		65.00	8.54	6.63	271.24	3,394.01
Suggs Grove	Mrs. Craven Cain, White Oak							50.00	50.00	40.00	140.00	6,634.03
Tobermory	David Whichard, Route 2, St. Paul's	29.00	10.00	12.50	15.00	10.00		25.00	30.00	50.00	181.50	658.41
West Bladenboro	Eddie Bowen, Bladenboro	50.00	75.00	25.00	25.00	75.00		145.00	81.00		476.00	2,561.63
White's Creek	A. Roy Townsend, Route 1, Clarkton	89.08	75.00	36.00	82.00	36.00	15.40	75.00	35.30	10.00	453.78	1,830.05
White Lake	D. A. Marshburn, White Lake	16.42			23.00	25.00			90.00		154.42	2,410.45
White Oak	Mrs. Evelyn R. Bryan, White Oak	312.00	100.00					200.00	100.00		712.00	3,423.01
Zion Hill	Kendrick Hester, Route 2, Bladenboro	70.34	100.00	58.25	58.06	113.16		226.87	88.01	71.87	786.56	3,063.99
Total		$8,407.90	$2,193.87	$1,494.03	$1,933.16	$3,936.67	$1,287.17	$7,242.95	$2,176.24	$1,625.15	$ 30,109.19	$164,053.88

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sixty-Third Annual Session

October 13, 1954 at

SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

October 14, 1954 at

ZION HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Including the Fifth Sunday Sessions

Next Annual Session To Be Held

October 12, 1955 at

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLADENBORO

October 13, 1955 at

HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

	Church
Moderator—Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Vice-Moderator—Porter G. Cain, White Oak	White Oak
Clerk-Treasurer—John A. Moore, Clarkton	Clarkton
Supt. of S. S.—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro	First
Training Union Dir.—Mark Owens, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	Shady Grove
Brotherhood Pres.—N.H.Thompson, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Supt. W. M. U.—Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	Dublin
Historian—John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	First

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman—Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethown

The Executive Committee is composed of the following four sub-committees:

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Chairman—Porter G. Cain, White Oak	White Oak
B. O. Ward, Bladenboro	First
Mark Owens, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	Shady Grove
N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	Dublin
John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	First
M. K. Edge, Rt. 5, Fayetteville (1955)	Suggs Grove
N. B. Ellis, Clarkton (1956)	Clarkton

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman—Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
L. L. Barnes, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown (1956)	Beard's Chapel
Mrs. Frink Freeman, Bladenboro (1957)	Galeed
Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown (1955)	Elizabethtown
Simon Gurgainus, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown (1956)	Beard's Chapel

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman—John A. Moore, Clarkton	Clarkston
J. S. Johnson, White Oak (1955)	White Oak
Gaston Hester, Bladenboro (1956)	West Bladenboro
Mrs. Bertha D. Smith, Lagoon (1957)	Lagoon
Irwin Phillips, Council (1956)	Lisbon

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Chairman—R. L. Edwards, Dublin (1957)	Dublin
R. A. Britt, Bladenboro (1955)	First
T. H. Lambert, Dublin (1957)	Bethel
Mrs. Eddie Bryan, Bladenboro (1955)	Center Roads
E. B. Graham, Ivanhoe (1957)	Riverside

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro ..... First

W. M. U. OFFICERS

Superintendent—Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	Dublin
Associate Supt.—Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro	First

Young People's Leader—Mrs. C. A. Priest, Council.....Lisbon
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Beulah Collier, Clarkton....White's Creek
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs. Pauline Bullard, Bladenboro....First
Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. Lee Gooden, Clarkton....Clarkton
Community Missions—Mrs. C. W. McClure, White Oak..White Oak
Literature Chairman—Mrs. Danny Bryan, White Oak....White Oak
Margaret Fund—Mrs. L. W. Barefoot, Elizabethtown...Elizabethtown
Carver School Chairman—
Y.W.A. Counsellor—Mrs. Wilfred King, Dublin.....Dublin
Int. G. A. Counsellor—Mrs. John A. Moore, Clarkton.....Clarkton
Jr. G. A. Counsellor—Mrs. John A. Moore, Clarkton....Clarkton
Sunbeam Counsellor—
R. A. Counsellor—
White Cross Chairman—Mrs. A. R. Townsend,
Clarkton .....White's Creek
Nominating Committee—Mrs. Worth Warner, Clarkton.....Clarkton

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

Superintendent—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro.....First
Supt. of Training—Mrs. R. L. Bridger, Bladenboro.....First
Supt. Of Enlargement—J. Marshall Weaver, Kelly.....Council
Supt. Of V. B. S.—Mrs. Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown..Elizabethtown
Supt. of Evangelism—John A. Moore, Clarkton.....Clarkton
Sec. Treas.—Mrs. L. B. Buie, Bladenboro.....First
Pianist—Nash Singletary, Tar Heel.....Love Grove
Chorister—R. L. Edwards, Dublin.....Dubin
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Horace Taylor, Bladenboro.....Center Road
Nursery—Mrs. Charles Herring,
Beginner—Mrs. Pauline Bullerd, Bladenboro.....First
Primary—Mrs. Dan Freeman,
Junior—Mrs. Alden Singletary,
Intermediate—Z. G. Ray, Tar Heel.....Love Grove
Young People—Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown.....Elizabethtown
Adult—T. H. Lambert, Dublin.....Bethel
Extension—
Supt. Gp. I—J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro.....West Bladenboro
Supt. Gp. II—Harold Hood, Abbottsburg.....Abbottsburg
Supt. Gp. III—Ben. F. Philbeck, Jr., Ingold.....Riverside
Supt. Gp. IV—C. Dixon Brisson, Dublin.....Dublin
Supt. Gp. V—Mrs. Porter Cain, White Oak.....White Oak

TRAINING UNION OFFICERS

Director—Mark Owens, Rt. 2, Bladenboro.....Shady Grove
Associate—Byron Priest,
Chorister—Ed Edmonds,
Pianist—Miss Thyra Brown,
Sec.-Treas.—Miss Ann Hester,
Pastor-advisor—J. H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro.....First
Adult Leader—H. F. Little, Clarkton.....Clarkton
Young People—R. L. Edwards, Dublin.....Dublin
Intermediate—Mrs. Edith McIntyre,
Junior—Mrs. Theron Pait, Bladenboro.....Zion Hill
Primary—Mrs. R. A. Britt, Bladenboro.....First
Group I—Sidney Britt, Bladenboro.....First
Group II—Leston Thompson, Rt. 2, Bladenboro.....Shady Grove
Group III—Mr. and Mrs. Naaman Rich.....Riverside
Group IV—Edgar Priest,
Group V—Homer Watson,

BROTHERHOOD OFFICER

President—N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown.....Elizabethtown

BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS

There is no State or Southside Baptist Institution, Board or Agency located in Bladen Association.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

The Association does not adopt a Calendar of Activities, but the churches use one covering the calendar year that is published and distributed by the Associational Missionary.

MESSENGERS TO THE ANNUAL SESSION

ABBOTSBURG: H. B. Bennett, Pastor, Mrs. Harold Hood, Mrs. M. L. Walters, Excel M. Sweet, Mrs. J. S. Averitt, and five visitors.

BEARD'S CHAPEL: Everett L. Anderson, Pastor, G. R. Norris, Neta Norris, Rossie Cain.

BETHEL: Thomas H. Lambert, Pastor, E. W. Woodell, Mrs. E. W. Woodell, Mrs. Edward Garner, Edward Garner, Reuben Smith, Mrs. Reuben Smith, Robert C. Carroll, Mrs. Robert C. Carroll, Mrs. T. H. Lambert.

BLADENBORO, FIRST: John H. McCrimmon, Pastor, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, B. O. Ward, H. J. White, Sidney Britt, Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr., Mrs. R. B. Buie, Mrs. H. J. White, Jr., Mrs. G. B. Walters, Olive Callihan, and 3 visitors.

BUTTERS: R. J. Edwards, Mrs. Worth Packer, Martha Sessoms, Mrs. Anzie Mercer.

CALVARY: W. B. Warner, Vera Gooden.

CENTER ROAD: J. L. Hester, Luther Bryan, Mrs. Luther Bryan, Mrs. Horace Taylor, and 5 visitors.

CLARKTON: John A. Moore, Pastor, Mrs. John A. Moore, H. F. Little, Mrs. H. F. Little, T. W. Priest, Mrs. C. L. Campbell, J. J. Weeks, and 3 visitors.

COUNCIL: J. Marshall Weaver, Pastor, Raymond Caulk, Mrs. Raymond Caulk, Mrs. Donald Moody, Simeon McLean, Cora McLean.

DUBLIN, FIRST: R. L. Edwards, Pastor, Dexton Grimes, Mrs. Dexton Grimes, J. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. Monnie King.

ELIZABETHTOWN: Dean L. Minton, Pastor, Leon D. Smith, W. W. Woodhouse, Mrs. C. C. Byrd, Mrs. Fletcher Johnson, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. S. C. Shaw.

GALEED: M. J. Davis, Pastor, Mrs. Naomi White, Mrs. L. B. Lennon, Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Mrs. Neil Edwards, Effie T. McLean, Mrs. J. M. Frink, Jr., Mrs. D. B. Davis.

HICKORY GROVE: Luther Brisson, Seth Lewis, Mrs. Seth Lewis, Leon Edge, Mrs. Leon Edge, Luther Davis, Mrs. Luther Davis, and 3 visitors.

LAGOON: R. H. Merritt.

LISBON: J. D. Griffin, Mrs. J. D. Griffin.

LOVE GROVE: W. J. Monroe, Mrs. W. J. Monroe, Martin Wilson, Wilma Monroe, Mrs. R. L. Grimes, Mrs. John Wengert, Mary Jordan.

NORTHSIDE: Vance Tyson, Pastor, W. B. Hester, R. P. Hester, Willard Johnson.

RICHARDSON: I. W. Davis, Mrs. Chris Merritt, Mrs. Sam Singletary, Mrs. Mary Spence, Mrs. Will Davis, Mrs. Stanley Davis, and two visitors.

RIVERSIDE: Ben F. Philbeck, Jr., Pastor, E. B. Graham, Mrs. E. B. Graham.

SANDY GROVE: Mrs. Atwood Shaw, Mrs. Rena Dove.

SHADY GROVE: Mark Owens, Pastor, Mrs. Wesley Santee, Mrs. I. L. Thompson, Fred Skipper, Archie L. Burnie, Wonnie Perkins, Lessie Thompson, Jetta Thompson, Henry Thompson, Myrtle Britt, and 44 visitors.

SUGGS GROVE: R. A. Edge, Mrs. R. A. Edge.

TOBEMORY: Oscar Terry, Mrs. Oscar Terry, Mrs. David Whichard.

WEST BLANDENBORO: Azie Cain, Wesley Merritt, Mrs. Wesley Merritt.

WHITE'S CREEK: A. R. Townsend, Mrs. A. R. Townsend, Murd Britt, Mrs. Murd Britt, Mrs. M. C. Harrelson.

WHITE LAKE: Mrs. F. R. Bell, Mrs. Hubert Smith, Mrs. Rob Thomas.

WHITE OAK: Joel S. Johnson, Pastor, F. L. Tatum, E. M. Tatum, P. G. Cain, Hallie T. McClure, Mrs. Leon McLaurin, and 2 visitors.

ZION HILL: Thereon B. Pait, Mrs. Theron B. Pait, Mrs. Livie Hester, Kate Davis, Mrs. James Hilburn, Mrs. LeRoy Brown, Jimmie Britt, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, J. H. Edwards, and 7 visitors.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS AND PROGRAM PERSONALITIES: Dr. S. L. Stealey, Southeastern Seminary, W. A. Smith, Kennedy Home, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Dr. C. C. Burris, Wingate College, Mrs C. C. Burris, W. A. Smith, Baptist Hospital, C. W. Bazemore, Biblical Recorder, Richard K. Redwine, Caswell Assembly, Mrs. R. K. Redwine, J. W. Meares, Eastern Association.

The registration reveals 13 pastors, 129 Messengers, 75 visitors, and 10 Fraternal Messengers, for a total registration of 226.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section 2. The object of this Association shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel; to emphasize the responsibility of its membership in relation to Missions, Benevolences, Education, and in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convenion, to increase the intelligence and spiritual power of the people, and to promote harmony and fellowship among the churches.

ARTICLE 2—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the affiliated churches, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association.

Section 2. Each church of 11 members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengrs.

Sction 3. Any church desiring affiliation with this Association shall be referred to a committee which shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith and receive its committment to this

constitution. Upon a favorable report of this committee the church shall be received by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 3—ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Section 1. Each church should send to the Clerk, seven days before the annual meeting of the Association, a letter, the blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Association, carefully filled out as per blank suggestions, reporting the full work of the church for the year ending with the last Sunday in September.

Section 2. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years shall be investigated by the officers of the Association and effort be made to reclaim.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Training Union Director, President of the Associational Brotherhood, Associational Superintendent of Woman's Missionary Union, and Historian.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian shall be nominated and elected from the floor of the Association. The Associational Sunday School Superintendent, the Training Union Director, the President of the Brotherhood, and Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be nominated by the respective organizations which they represent, and shall be elected by the Association. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The other officers shall not be eligible to succeed themselves after the third consecutive year. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Association.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside over all the meetings of the body and see that order and decorum are observed by every member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall be fraternal visitation counsellor and adviser with the churches regarding their work through the year.

Section 4. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of, or at the discretion of the Moderator.

Section 5 The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, mail blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association, prepare, publish and distribute the minutes as soon as practicable after adjournment.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association subject to its order and make written report of same to each Associational meeting.

ARTICLE 5—COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association and 15 other members to be nominated and elected by the Association at its annual session. Seven of the 15 members shall be resident pastors and eight shall be lay members. The fifteen members shall be elected for three year terms, with five members retiring each year, and ineligible to succeed themselves. No church shall have more than one member on this committee, except in the case of officers of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall nominate and the Association shall elect the 15 members. Further, the Executive Committee shall divide itself into the following Committees:

a: Program Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan the program of the annual and quarterly meetings of the Association, and to select those who shall write the customary reports concerning the work of the agencies and institutions of our denomination. The Vice-Moderator shall be chairman.

b. Missions Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan and direct the Association's Missionary activities. The Moderator shall be chairman.

c. Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan the financial program of the Association, and shall make an annual financial statement, and shall recommend a financial program for the following associational year. The Treasurer shall be chairman.

d. Evangelism Committee, whose duty it shall be to promote soul winning through personal evangelism, mass evangelism, and simultaneous evangelism. The chairman shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Section 2. At least sixty days before the annual meeting of the Association the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee, whose duty it shall be to nominate Associational Officers and Committees, except those definitely arranged for in other sections of this Constitution, for the following year; subject to the approval and election of the Association.

Section 3. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint the following committees to report to the session at its convenience:

1. Committee on place and preacher.
2. Committee on resolutions.
3. Auditing committee.
4. Committee on petitionary letters (if needed).

Section 4. Other temporary committees that may be created by the Association shall be appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6—AMENDMENTS

Secion 1. This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the change be read to the Association during the first session of the annual meeting and voted on at a later session.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, and shall hold such quarterly inspirational meetings as it may decide.

2. All sessions of the Assoiation shall be opened with a devotional service and closed with a prayer.

3.Representatives from 10 of the affiliated churches shall constitute a quorum.

4. The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session, and shall be changed only by a vote of the body.

5. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

6. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to each corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, secretary of survey and statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

7. The rules of order for the Association shall be those laid down in Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law", but in cases where the meaning may not be clear the Moderator shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Association.

8. The By-laws may be changed at any session by a majority vote of the members present.

PROCEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY SESSIONS

BRIAR BRANCH, November 29, 1953

1. The session opened with the congregation singing "To The Work."

2. W. W. Woodhouse read Matthew 9:36-38 and Matthew 28:19-20 and pointed out that this was the task of Christians and of Baptists in particular. Leon D. Smith led in prayer.

3. Moderator Leon D. Smith appointed E. W. Woodell, W. W. Woodhouse, and Harold Hood as the Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Fifth Sunday meeting.

4. Clerk John A. Moore called the roll of churches and found 18 churches represented by 71 messengers. (By a count mode at 11:40 there were 126 inside the building and 46 in the yard, for a total of 172).

5. A duet from Briar Branch sang "Others".

6. The messengers joined in singing "Help Somebody Today".

7. Glenn McDuffie, Briar Branch, taught the Sunday School lesson.

8. Leon D. Smith spoke on "A Million More In '54" as related to Bladen Association and each local church, stressing our compassion for the people.

9. Harold Hood spoke on "More Sunday Schools Needed".

10. Harold Hood led the messengers in singing "I Love To Tell The Story".

11. L. L. Barnes was introduced to conduct the service of worship. He read Acts 2:29-47 and spoke on "The Church With Power".

12. The Association was dismissed for the noon recess with prayer led by L. L. Barnes.

13. Leon D. Smith opened the afternoon session with an expression of appreciation to Briar Branch for the excellent lunch and the good fellowship.

14. The messengers joined in singing "Tell Me The Old Old Story".

15. R. A. Britt read Luke 15:1-7 and Luke 14:16-23 and led in prayer.

16. The Children's Choir of Briar Branch sang a medley of popular choruses.

17. Mrs. R. J. Hall spoke on "A Step Forward For Your Church", stressing the value of a church moving from a class organization Sunday School to Department Sunday School.

18. The messengers joined in singing "A Million More In '54".

19. Mack Edge and Simon Gurganeous were not present to give their reports on "The Call of the Lord Of The Harvest" and "Preparation The Price of Success", so these were ommitted.

20. Mark Owens announced the Training Union M-Night at Bethel on December 7. The attendance goal is 100% of the Training Union enrollment in each church.

21. A. D. Frazier spoke on "The Power Of The Personal Touch", the importance of visitation in Sunday School work.

22. The White Oak mixed Quartette sang "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."

23. The messengers joined in singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks".

24. Sidney Britt announced the Training Union M-Night and the publicity materials available to advertise it.

25. John A. Moore gave the report of the Associational Treasury, and moved that the Association pay the balance on the minutes. The motion carried.

26. W. W. Woodhouse announced the recommendation of the Place and Preacher Committee, that the next meeting go to Butters on January 31, 1954, and that the Program Committee select the preacher. The motion carried.

27. Mrs. J. A. Bridger led the congregation in singing "Rescue The Perishing," "Praise Him! Praise Him!" and "All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name".

28. The Fifth Sunday Session adjorned with prayer led by Mark Owens.

BUTTERS, January 31, 1954

1. The session opened with the congregation singing "Onward Christian Soldiers".

2. Gaston Hester, pastor of the host church, read Romans 12:1-13 and led in prayer.

3. Moderator Leon D. Smith appointed Luther Bryan, W. W. Woodhouse, and Seth Lewis as the Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Fifth Sunday Session.

4. Mark Owens, acting Clerk, called the roll of churches and found 19 represented by 97 messengers. (By a count made at 11:30 there were 228 present).

5. Special music, "All On The Altar", was presented by Beard's Chapel.

6. The messengers joined in singing "Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus."

7. B. O. Ward, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, spoke on "Let's Do More In '54". He reported that out of a population of 30,000 there are 31 Sunday Schools with approximately 5,000 enrolled. He estimated that 50% of the population of the area attend no Sunday School.

8. Dr. Clarence Bridger, Bladenboro, taught the Sunday School lesson: "Doing The Works of God".

9. The Messengers joined in singing "There Is A Fountain".

10. The Moderator introduced Horace Easom, State Brotherhood Secretary, who spoke on two departments he represented: the Wake Forest enlargement program, and the Baptist Foundation.

11. Announcments were made by Gaston Hester.

12. The regular morning offering of Buttters Church was received.

13. The Elizabethtown Youth Choir brought special music under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Frazier.

14. T. H. Lambert, Bethel, was introduced to conduct the service of worship. He read Matthew 6:24 and spoke on "A Million Men For Christ" emphasing "God of the Left-overs". He stressed other things that would take their place if we first seek the Kingdom of God.

15. T. H. Lambert dismissed the Association for the noon recess with prayer.

16. Leon D. Smith opened the afternoon session by introducing Victor VanHook, Bladenboro, to lead a hymn festival.

17. The Moderator expressed the appreciation of the Association to the host church for the lunch, and to all for participation in the fellowship.

18. Z. G. Ray, Tobemory, brought the devotional from Genesis 3:16.

19. The roll was called again and 136 were found present with 23 churches represented.

20. Horace Easom was introduced again, and after leading the congregation in singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", he read Romans 12:1-2 and spoke on Baptist Brotherhood.

21. The Youth Choir of Elazebethtown Baptist Church again presented special music.

22. Mark Owens, Associational Training Union Director, gave a challenge to the young and old to participate in the Training Union Tournaments and announced the coming county-wide Training Union social.

23. Moderator Smith asked the Clerk to give the Treasurer's report. After the report he reminded the churches of the Associational expenses.

24. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, was recognized for announcements concerning the Sunday School Leadership Week, just past, and the G. A. Rally on March 19. She gave plans for the establishment of a new mission Sunday School on Pittman Road as a project of the Association.

25. W. W. Woodhouse, Place and Preacher Committee, recommended that the next meeting go to Beard's Chapel on May 30, 1954, and that the Executive Committee select the preacher. The recommendation was adopted.

26. The Fifth Sunday Session adjourned with prayer led be John H. McCrimmon.

BEARD'S CHAPEL, May 30, 1954

1. The session was called to order by Moderator Leon D. Smith.

2. T. H. Lambert led the devotional period with scripture and prayer.

3. Mark Owens, acting Clerk, called the roll of the Churches, and found 21 churches represented by 123 messengers.

4. Leon D. Smith presented the matter of the Pittman Road Mission, and appointed John H. McCrimmon, John A. Moore, C. Dixon Brisson, Harold Hood, and Mrs. R. B. Buie to serve as a committee to aid in the construction of a building, the solicitation of funds, and the rganization of the mission program.

5. The Moderator appointed E. W. Woodell, Luther Bryan and E. B. Graham as a Committee on Place and Preacher for the Fifth Sunday Session in August.

6. The congregation joined in singing "Faith of Our Fathers", led by E. B. Graham, with Mrs. Graham at the piano.

7. W. J. Monroe taught the Sunday School lesson.

8. The report of the Associational Treasurer was distributed. Moderator Smith urged each messenger to take the reports back to their churches, and asked each church to send their offerings for Associational Missions to the Associational Treasurer.

9. Special music was rendered by D. M. Clemmons, pastor at Suggs Grove, and Mrs. Clemmons.

10. Moderator Smith brought a message entitled "The strength of America Lies in her Churches and Her Homes". He used II Timothy 1:1-5 as a text and pointed out the fact of the strategic place of the home in our times of chaos and crisis.

11. The Morning Offering of Beard's Chapel Church was received.

12. The congregation joined in singing "Hiding In Thee".

13. Joel Johnson, White Oak, was introduced to bring the morning message. He read Numbers 21:8-9, and John 3:14 and spoke on "God's Remedy for the World's Ills."

14. The Association was adjourned for the noon recess with prayer led by D. M. Clemmons.

15. The afternoon session opened by singing "Near The Cross".

16. Moderator Smith expressed appreciation to Beard's Chapel Church for the fine lunch and fellowship.

17. The roll of Churches was called again and 22 churches were represented by 173 messengers.

18. Special music, "He Whispers Sweet Peace To Me", was rendered by the choir from White's Creek.

19. Wilbur Barnes and Oliver Smith, the Cousin Brothers, rendered a group of special string selections at the request of Moderator Smith.

20. The congregation joined in singing "A Million More In '54".

21. Simon Gurganious led the afternoon devotional. He read Proverbs 22:1-6 and led in prayer.

22. B. O. Ward, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, brought a report on the Sunday Schol work, emphasizing the "Million More In '54" campaign. He urged participation in Vacation Bible Schools as a help in reaching our goals.

23. Mark Owens, Associational Training Union Director made a report on the Associational Training Union program.

24. Malcolm Clifton, pastor at Lagoon, brought an inspiring message on "Training Union Serving the Church and The Home".

25. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read, and each messenger was urged to take a copy back to his church.

26. The Committee on Place and Preacher reported no invitations for the August meeting. Moderator Smith announced that there would be no Fifth Sunday Session in August due to the hot weather, as well as the nearness of the annual session in October.

27. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Association Missionary, was recognized, and she stressed the Million More campaign giving emphasis to the Extension Department in the Sunday School.

28. The Fifth Sunday Session adjourned with prayer led by Malcolm Clifton.

PROCEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION—SHADY GROVE

1. Moderator Leon D. Smith called the sixty third Session of the Bladen Baptist Association to order at Shady Grove Baptist Church at 9:30 A. M. on Oct. 13, 1954.

2. Congregation joined in singing "Lead On O King Eternal," led by F. L. Tatum, chorister for the day.

3. Mark Owens, pastor of the Host church, spoke words of welcome and led the opening devotional, reading Philippians 3:12-16 and leading in prayer.

4. John A. Moore moved that the messengers now registered and such others as shall register during the session constitute the working body of the Association.

5. Moderator recognized the new pastors who have come into the Association since the last session: J. Marshall Weaver, Dean L. Minton, M. J. Davis, Vance H. Tyson, Ben F. Philbeck, Jr.

6. The Moderator appointed following committees: Place and Preacher—E. W. Woodell, Joe Hester, W. W. Woodhouse. Audit Committee: R. L. Edwards, J. C. Taylor, F. L. Tatum.

7. Mark Owens, chairman of the Committee on Petitionary letters, read a letter from the newly organized Northside Baptist church in Bladenboro, and moved that the Association receive that church into its fellowship. The motion carried. The Moderator and the members of the committee extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers from Northside.

8. Association joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers".

9. J. C. Taylor presented the hospital report and asked the clerk to read it. After its adoption Chaplain W. A. Smith of the Baptist Hospital made the address on our hospital work.

10. Theron Pait gave the report on Christian Literature. The Report was adopted. C. W. Bazemore of the Biblical Recorder came to the platform to speak to the report.

11. The report on the Baptist Homes was called for and in the absence of Fred T. Nance the report he had prepared was read by the Clerk. The report was adopted.

12. The Messengers stood and sang "I Would Be True".

13. Luther Brisson read the report on the Baptist Orphanage. The report was adopted. W. A. Smith of Kennedy Home spoke to the Association on the work of the Orphanage.

14. The Messengers joined in singing "Make Me A Channel of Blessing".

15. John H. McCrimmon and John A. Moore gave notice that amendments would be proposed to the constitution at the business sesion Thursday afternoon.

16. Mark Owens was introduced to lead the Association in worship. He read from Isaiah 35 and delivered the Annual Sermon.

17. The Association stood and sang "Would You Live For Jesus" and were dismissed for the noon reces by T. H. Lambert.

AFTERNOON SESSION

18. The afternoon session opened by singing "I Love To Tell The Story", and "How Firm A Foundation".

19. Moderator Leon D. Smith expressed the appreciation of the Association for the excellent entertainment by Shady Grove Baptist Church.

20. John H. McCrimmon led the congregation in reading responsively Mat. 5:3-14, 16, and led in the Lord's Prayer in unison.

21. Vance H. Tyson, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, was introduced and spoke briefly on the work of that newly organized church.

22. B. O. Ward gave the report on Sunday Schools. The Report was adopted.

23. Mark Owens gave the report on Training Union. The report was adopted.

24. Dean L. Minton gave the report on Christian Education which was adopted without discussion.

25. Dr. C. C. Burris of Wingate College was introduced to speak on Christian Education and Wingate College.

26. Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, President of Southeastern Seminary was introduced to bring the message on Christian Education.

27. The Congregation sang "Higher Ground".

28. On the suggestion of Joel S. Johnson an offering was taken

to defray Dr. Stealey's expenses coming to the Association. The amount was $14.80.

29. John H. McCrimmon, chairman of committee on Nominations, gave the report of that committee. The report was adopted as read.

30. Joel S. Johnson nominated N. H. Thompson as Brotherhood President. He was elected without opposition.

31. Joel Johnson moved that Leon D. Smith be elected by Acclaimation for another year. After discussion the clerk took the chair and he was unanimously re-elected.

32. W. W. Woodhouse nominated Porter G. Cain for Vice-Moderator. The nominations were closed and he was elected unanimously.

3. W. W. Woodhouse moved that John A. Moore be elected Clerk. Elected unanimously.

34. Joel Johnson nominated John H. McCrimmon Historian. The Nominations were closed. John H. McCrimmon was elected unanimously.

35. After announcements the session was adjourned with prayer by Dr. C. C. Burris.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — ZION HILL

36. Moderator Leon D. Smith called the Association to order at Zion Hill Baptist Church at 9:30 A.M.

37. The Messengers joined in singing "Bringing In The Sheaves".

38. M. J. Davis, pastor of the Host Church spoke words of welcome and led the opening devotionol service.

39. Announcement was made in reference to the registration of Messengers.

40. Mrs. R. J. Hall was introduced to give the report on Associational Missions. The Report was adopted.

41. Mrs. J. F. Freeman gave the report on State Missions. The report was adopted.

42. Earl Tatum gave the report on Foreign Missions. The report was adopted.

43. The Association joined in singing "Jesus Saves".

44. Dr. R. K. Redwine was introduced to bring the missionary message.

45. The Messengers joined in singing "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations".

46. John A. Moore gave the report of the Associational Treasurer. After discussion it was adopted.

47. John H. McCrimmon moved that the Clerk send a letter to each church with the mailing of the minutes, asking that the churches contribute for minutes on a basis of one dollar per copy requested. The Motion carried.

48. John A. Moore gave the report of the Associational Mission budget for 1954-'55 as recommended by the Executive Committee. After discussion by John H. McCrimmon and W. W. Woodhouse, the report was adopted unanimiously.

49. The Messengers joined in singing "Others".

50. Joel S. Jonhson was introduced to lead the Association in worship. E. B. Graham led in singing "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross". Then Brother Johnson read Daniel 2:32-35 and delivered the doctrinal sermon on the subject, "The Kingdom of Christ".

51. After announcement by Mrs. Kate Davis of the arrangements for the noon meal the Association was dismissed for the noon recess with prayer by R. K. Redwine.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

52. The Afternoon Session convened with the singing of "Send The Light".

53. The Moderator expressed the appreciation of the Association to the people at Zion Hill for their hospitality, the noon meal, the flowers, and all that has made the day so pleasant to all.

54. Ben F. Philbeck, Jr., led the afternoon devotional service, reading Joshua 7:19-26. After fitting remarks he led in prayer.

55 Mrs. D. J. McDaniel gave the report on Woman's Missionary Union. The report was adopted.

56. The Moderator read the report on Hame Missions as prepared by Mrs. C. E. Simmons. The report was adopted without discussion.

57. Martin Wilson gave the report on Civic Righteousness. After its adoption W. P. Biggerstaff, Associate Director of the North Carolina Allied Church League, brought a stirring message on beverage alcohol.

58. E. B. Graham led the congregation in singing "Jesus Calls Us".

59. W. W. Woodhouse gave the report of the Committee on Place and Preacher: Fifth Sunday Session in January to go to White Oak and M. J. Davis to preach the sermon; First Day next year to go to Bladenboro, First, and Dean L. Minton to preach the Annual Sermon; Second Day to go to Hickory Grove and T. H. Lambert to preach the Doctrinal Sermon. The report was adopted.

60. R. L. Edwards, Chairman of the Audit Committee, reported the Treasurer's record in good order and recommended that they be approved by the Association. The recommendation was adopted.

61. John A. Moore read a recommendation from the Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference that a Committee be appointed to study and plan a Seminary Extension Center in our Association. The recommendation was adopted and the Moderator appointed Dean L. Minton, John A. Moore, and J. Marshall Weaver as the Committee.

62. John A. Moore offered amendments to the following sections of the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2; Article 2, Section 2; Article 3, Section 1; Article 5, Section 2. Each amendment was adopted. (The changes are included in the Constitution as printed this year).

63. John H. McCrimmon moved to strike out Section 4 of Article 5 and designate the present Section 5 as Section 4. The motion carried.

64. John A. Moore moved an amendment to by-laws. The motion carried. (This by-law is printed in the minutes this year as amended).

65. John H. McCrimmon moved to amend the Constitution by adding a Section 1-e to Article 5 to provide a Calendar Committee within the Executive Committee to propose a Calendar of Activities for the Association. After heated discussion Joel Johnson moved to table the matter until next year. The motion to table prevailed.

66. Seth Lewis came and led in the Memorial Service. He read the names of our beloved dead and made suitable remarks. The Messengers stood for prayer led by R. L. Edwards.

67. The Sixty Third Annual Session of Bladen Baptist Association adjourned with prayer led by W. W. Woodhouse, to meet at the First Baptist Church in Bladenboro on October 12, 1955.

REPORTS

PETITIONARY LETTER

Bladenboro, N.C.
October 4, 1954

Bladen Baptist Association
Brethren:
The Northside Baptist Church, located on Cotton Road in Bladenboro, hereby makes application for admission into Bladen Baptist Association. The members of Northside Baptist Church believe their faith and practice to be in keeping with the other Baptist Churches of Bladen Baptist Association. We have formally subscribed to the standard Church Covenant, and have unanimously adopted The Articles of Faifth as outlined by Hobbs as the standard of our faith and practice.
It will be our purpose to cooperate as fully as we can with the Baptist program, as promoted by Bladen Association, the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention, realizing that Christ's commission to "make desciples of all nations" cannot be carried out by one church working alone, but by all the churches working together.
This application approved in Church Conference, October 3, 1954.
Vance Tyson, Moderator
Dewey Hester, Church Clerk.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital is caring for more people this year than at any other time in its history. This is possible because of the use of the New South Wing, about half of which is now complete and in use. This new building provides many new and enlarged facilities which add a great deal to the service provided for our people. About 14,000 bed patients will receive treatment in the hospital in the course of the year, while many other thousands will be seen in the clinics.

The enlargement of the hospital has made possible the enlarging of our school of nursing, it being one of the largest in the State. Our hospital offers a superior type of training and its graduates have high rating wherever they go. This means that our nursing school can accept only students of the highest caliber. They especially want those high grade students of fine Christian character from our Baptist homes. A new class enters each September. Prospective students should write to the Director of Nurses in advance and make application early in the year since there are far more applications than can be accepted.

The Baptist Hospital with the various schools associated with it forms an important educational center in the field of medical care. It trains doctors, nurses, technicians, and pastors and other Christian workers. The center of the entire hospital program is always the sick person, however. Eeverything else is secondary to and must be in the interest of the patient.

For the past ten years our Federal and State Governments have assisted in a program of building hospitals in counties and areas where there had been no hospitals. This program increases the importance of our Baptost Medical Center in relation to the family physician and the local hospital. The majority of the patients who go to our Medical Center are sent by their own local doctors in order that the patient may have the benefit of such facilities and specialists.

Our Hospital provides this type of service for persons who cannot pay for it, as well as for those who can pay in full. This is where our churches share in this ministry of healing. There are multitudes in our State who cannot receive the care they need unless somebody else helps pay for it. Our Hospital has no money except what the

patients pay and what we give. On Mother's Day we have the privilege of sharing with those who are sick and need our help. Unless we give generously some will seek in vain for help at our Hospital. Let this not be true because you and I have failed!

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. TAYLOR
Hospital Representative

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

In 1 Timothy 4: 13 we find these words: "Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." These are words of wisdom from Paul. They are timely, not only so to young Timothy but to all Christians.

The printed page is powerful. People tend to become like the things they read and absorb in the minds and hearts. A flood of bad literature has spread over our land, literature that the U.S. mails refuse to carry. This bad literature can be obtained at almost any news stand and very often finds its way into Baptist homes. Wider reading of good Christian literature would soon destroy the thirst for the bad.

It is imperative that Baptists secure and read Christian literature, especially from their own presses. The aim of it all is to promote Bible study, to build Christian character, and to inform, enlist, indoctrinate, inspire and unify our people in all the great work the Lord has committed to us. Dr. M. E. Dodd said: "A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist. A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist. A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperative Baptist and a non-cooperative Baptist is not much of a Baptist."

The reporter feels that to be an informed Baptist, or may I say an informed "North Carolina Baptist", is to read our state paper, the Biblical Recorder. The Recorder has brought the message of Baptist progress into our Baptist homes for 121 years. Baptist leaders have over the years promoted its circulation and have seen the fruit of their efforts.

There are many excellent publications coming from our Baptist presses. Some of these are Home Life, The Commission, Royal Service, The Sunday School Builder, Training Unon Magazine, Ambassador Life, Tell and many others. These and all other denominational publications are rendering a great service to our Baptist people.

Once a great layman said, "If you want to enlist your people, inform their heads, warm their hearts, and challenge their capacities". And in days of old, the prophet said, "My people perish for lack of knowledge". Paul said, "Give attendance to reading . . . ". May all of us place high values on Christiain literature.

Respectfully submitted,
THERON B. PAIT

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

This year has been one of considerable expansion and encouraging progress for the Baptist Homes For The Aging. A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1953. It afforded space for 35 additional residents. The purchase price of the property at Albemarle was $25,000, and the cost of renovation was about $75,000, but with the equipment donated, the property there should now be worth $300,000. Rev. Zeb A. Caudle was selected to serve as superintendent of the Albemarle Home.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem, has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general

health has been rmarkably good, and the spirit of the residents encouraging. The greatest loss came in the retirement of Miss Edna L. Heinzerling, supervisor of Resthaven. Mrs. Ethel Fulghum was selected to act as temporary supervisor.

A tract of 34 acres of land near Winston-Salem was purchased in 1953 as a central site for new buildings. The cost was $25,000. An architect has been engaged to prepare sketches of buildings to be erected as money and circumstances permit.

Inquiries have been received as to the possibility of a couple erecting a cottage on the central site, so they may live in it until death. The cost of erecting and furnishing it would be paid by the couple, but it would become the property of the Baptist Homes.

The Special Day Offering in February was encouraging. The total amount will be $65,000 to $70,000. In addition, the Homes received $21,000 from the Nine-Year Program. Word has come of wills from which the Homes will receive gifts. But the most encouraging progress has been the response of our churches to the program of the Homes. Many are beginning to support the Homes through the Special Day Offering or designated gifts.

The residents and all who are serving in the Homes are grateful for the help received, and they covet the prayers and continued support of our Baptist people.

We recommend that the Association again elect a representative of the Baptist Homes for next year.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED T. NANCE.

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

It is always a privilege to report to our people the facts concerning their Orphanage. Through the generosity of North Carolina Baptists the Orphanage was able to care for about 700 children last year. The physical plants both at Mills Home and Kennedy Home are now in good condition.

At Mills Home the Recreational Center and the beautiful new Church Building were completed during 1953. Now Mills Home has adequate places for its children both to play and to worship. The Church is the most beautiful building ever erected at your Orphanage. We are now about ready to let a contract for a new Church Building at Kennedy Home. This will be equally as beautiful (though not as large) as the one at Mills Home. It will enable us to meet the spiritual needs of the children far better than before.

Charity and Children has an all-time high in circulation, 46,000 copies each week. The subscription price is 60c per year in clubs of 10 or more to be distributed in your Sunday Schools. It will keep you informed about your Orphanage as well as other phases of Baptist work.

The income for 1953 was good. Our churches through the Once-a-Month offering and the Thanksgiving offering continue to meet our needs. Our new plan of Orphanage support should not be very different from the present plan. The Baptist State Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Cooperative Program beginning January 1, 1955. This gives any Church the privilege to send all its funds except the Thanksgiving offering through the Cooperative Program if it so desires. However, the General Board and the Executive Secretary of the Convention make the following recommendations: First, that Churches that now take the Once-a-Month offering continue this plan. Second, that Churches which have the Orphanage in the Budget for a certain amount be encouraged to continue this same method during the period of transition.

The Thanksgiving offering, of course, will be continued just as before. Each Church is urged to give the people a chance to make a

Thanksgiving offering. Each person is urged to give at least One Day's Pay as a "Thank Offering" for the support of the dependent children for whom Baptists are responsible. These children are wholly dependent upon North Carolina Baptists for their chance in life. We must not, we will not fail them.

Respectfully submitted,
LUTHER BRISSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Today as never before, I think we all realize the important place that our Sunday Schools play in our churches because there we begin to teach the small child about our Heavenly Father. Beginning with the Cradle Roll and Nursery departments and as the child grows older, we advance the teachings of our Saviour. The very foundations of church membership are laid, and as the boys and girls reach the age that they can begin to think for themselves, they can understand the meaning of Christian living and church membership. We of the Bladen Association are proud that we are taking an active part in training the children and grown-ups as well in our Sunday Schools; however, we need the support of all Christians and church members, for the harvest is great.

At the beginning of the 1954 Associational year, our goal throughout the Southern Baptist Convention was a million more in '54. Our goal in the Bladen Association was was 1500 more in '54. I am sorry to report that we fell short of our goal; however, we are grateful that we have made substantial gains. October 1, 1953, we had 31 Sunday Schools in our Association, with a total membership of 4926. Today we have 33 Sunday Schools, including one Mission, with a total membership of 5803. This is a net gain of 977 members over our enrollment October 1, 1953, or 58.4% of our goal for new members, a net gain of 17.8% over 1953 enrollment. The average attendance for 1954 was 59.9% of the enrollment. The average for 1953 was 61.2%. We show a loss of 1.3% in attendance.

Vacation Bible Schools were held in all Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of 2548 or a gain of 628 over last year. This increase is very encouraging.

We have had regular meetings each month of the members of our Associational Sunday School officers, and these have been very helpful in the planning of our work.

There is still a great need for more and better trained teachers. May we urge you to have teacher training courses and urge our teachers and teachers-to-be to attend that we might attract more and more people to our Sunday Schools.

Our motto for 1955 is **one to eight**, meaning we hope to report one baptism for every eight church members we now have. This means we have work to do among the unsaved to win them to Christ.

We are looking forward to a great Sunday School year in '55. With God's help and the prayers of all church members, we can reach **one to eight** and thus do our part in winning lost souls to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
BERNARD O. WARD.

TRAINING UNION

"A workman that needeth not to be ashamed" is singularly the aim of each Training Union member I feel sure. We have seen the interest in the Training Union work reach an all time high in the association as a whole this year.

Twenty-five of our thirty-two churches now have organized Training Unions, an increase over last year of two organizations. There

are ninety-nine individual unions, a icrease of ten. The total enrollment is 1,706, an increase of 169. The total average attendance was 1,119 for the year.

The Associational Training Union is organized with workers for each department. The Executive Committee has met quarterly, and officers from all the churches were invited to take part in the Associational quarterly program of the Officers and Leaders Counsel. The Association at large has held three mass meetings.

Our "M" night attendance this year was a manifestation of the high interest in the Training Union. The meeting was held at the Bethel Church with an attendance of approximately 825, and increase of 600 from last year. Our State Secretary brought the message of the evening at this meeting.

The tournaments this year were gratifying. We had several participants at the Regional meeting in Wallace as well as one winner in the Junior Memory work who went on to Caswell for the State contests.

In February of this year, we proposed, as an incentive to greater co-operation and attendance at the "M" night of this year, to have an Associational picnic. The attendance, fellowship, food, and the program of this meeting were the factors that made it a great success. Another incentive of good attendance at our mass meetings this year has been the Attendance Banner. This banner is awarded quarterly on the basis of the percentage of the Church Membership present at the "M" night or the group mass meetings.

In April of this year, we were fortunate in having our State Training Union secretary, Brother Jimmy Morgan, and his staff of workers for a special series of studies in methods of Training Union work. The Dublin Church was most gracious in receiving us and providing for the workers.

Our progress has been steady and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity of service with those of you, my Christian friends, who have made possible these evidences of growth and interest. I am looking forward to another good year as we try to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" in the spirit of our motto "be strong in the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
MARK OWENS, Director.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Luther A. Weigle has defined religious education in this way: "The term 'religious education' stands for two processes which are necessarily related, but may be distinguished. One is the process of education, when this is undergirded and inspired by religious faith; the other is the gaining of personal religious faith, when this is nurtured, informed and sustained by educational methods. The first is the function of the school, the college, the university, and the community; the second in the function of the church, the Sunday School, and other religious associations. Both are functions of the family and the home."

We are, therefore, concerned in this report with Christian education in its total scope. To give emphasis to one without putting equal stress on the other would be unfair.

The Baptists of America can rightly be proud of the pioneering and advancing which they have instituted in the field of higher learning undergirded by the Christian faith. Through the support given by local churches in our own state several institutions of higher learning are preparing our young people in the most admirable way to take their place in life with more than technological know-how. Modern day advances in knowledge are very important, but are worth nothing if spiritual, personal faith does not give direction. Our

churches are urged to continue their support of higher education in our colleges, universities and seminaries that this function of Christian education may be accomplished.

The second aspect of Christian education is one which confronts everyone of us in a much more personal, everyday manner. This is Christian education on the home front. While we have organizations available to nurture, sustain and inform our people through educational methods, perhaps we are not taking full advantage of them. We consider it unthinkable to send our children to schools to teachers who are unqualified to teach, who know nothing about their subjects and who are unprepared to give instruction. Yet our educational organizations within our churches, attempting to instruct in the most important subject of all, are willing to recruit untrained and unqualified teachers and expect them to do a good job. I would urge every church to consider most seriously this matter and to engage in an extensive training program not only of in-service training for our present teachers but of preparatory training for prospective leaders.

Further, in keeping with the second function of Christian education, the individual must always take precedence. The importance of the individual has been a fundamental doctrine of our faith since it was taught by Christ. The individual is of more importance than standards, if those standards be too rigid and inflexible to fit varieties of personalities. It is not in keeping with best educational methods, with personality needs nor with Christian principles to attempt to set up our church educational organizations on rigid, legalistic patterns which are more concerned with uniformity and standardization than with the needs of the individual personality.

Another area of concern in Christian education is in coordination. Various organizations work within our churches for the purpose of education—the Sunday School, the Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, the worship services. There is, however, in the local church and on the convention level a lack of cordination and cooperation in the functions of these organizations so that not only do they lack centrality, but they are often in conflict, a situation which certainly is not permissive to good teaching and learning. We should urge our convention leaders to carefully study ways of bringing together our agencies in a coordinated program. On the local church level, we can improve the situation through effective use of Church Councils and by the establishment of Boards of Christian Educations for the direction of all educational work.

Finally, both areas of Christian education are the function of the home and the family. It is the responsibility and duty of Christian parents to give religious instruction to their children. In many homes this function has been delegated to the church and church educational organizations. Let us not as church leaders let the home so relieve itself of this privilege that religious instruction in the home becomes but a vestigial organ. Let us study and improve our curriculum so that we can delegate to the home some of that responsibility which has been either willfully or by neglect placed upon the church. A lesson can be learned from our friends of other denominations who have made outstanding advances on this program, especially in providing materials for home instruction.

Christian education, then, is important to us all. Let us give not only our prayers for our schools, colleges, universities and seminaries, but let us give our active support to the work being done by our institutions of higher learning. Let us also seek to improve Christian education as we have a more active role to play in our own churches that we might use every resource and method for a better program of Christian nurture.

Respectfully submitted,
DEAN L. MINTON.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

As we come to the end of the year it is gratifying to note the gains that have been made in W. M. U. work during the last year. I am indeed grateful for every phase of this work. God only knows the good that has been done. We have a W. M. S. organization in all our thirty-one churches, and several Y. W. A., G. A., R. A. and Sunbeam organizations. All our goals were met.

This report of success has been accomplished through prayers and the work of Mrs. A. D. Frazier, our former Superintendent, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associate Superintendent and Associational Missionary, Mrs. C. A. Priest, Young People's Leader and her co-workers, who have so ably assisted. Special mention should be made of the Community Mission Chairman, Mrs. C. W. McClure, who has led us into fields of new work along this line, Mrs. Pauline Bullard, Stewardship Chairman and Mrs. Lee Gooden, Mission Study Chairman have led the Association in a splendid way.

The Associational meeting, Divisional meeting and Leadership Conferences have been attended wonderfully well.

A three day camp for Intermediates and Juniors, an Associational Study Course for Sunbeams and the R. A. Conclave were most successful.

As we face the opportunities and responsibilities for a new year the W. M. U. pledges our support to the General Bladen Association to serve whenever we are needed.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. D. J. McDANIEL.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS

It is with humble gratitude to God and deep appreciation to the pastors, the Executive Committee, and you of the churches of the Bladen Assoication I summarize briefly the past year's work.

Through the Executive Committee, the Sunday School, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union, divisions of our associational work a comprehensive program of work has been followed. The Executive Committee has met at appointed times with Moderator L. D. Smith presiding and Rev. J. A. Moore, Clerk, to consider the whole program of work.

The W. M. U. under the leadership of Mrs. A. D. Frazier through April, and Mrs. D. J. McDaniel since then, continues to report a Woman's Missionary Society in each church. Under the leadership of Mrs. C. A. Priest, the young peoples' work is growing and accomplishing much, with a full-graded W. M. U. the goal for each church. The Young Woman's Auxiliary with Mrs. Wilfred King Counselor, is contributing much toward the development of our young women. The G. A. & R. A. Camp at White Lake Aug. 17-19, sponsored by the W. M. U., and planned under the direction of Mrs. C. A. Priest, enriched the lives of 44 G. A.s and 28 R. A.s, coming from 22 of our churches. The W. M. U. Officers and counselors from many of our churches attended the Leadership Institute at Campbell College in September and were inspired to attempt greater work for Christ. We hope to report a large number of A-1 societies next year.

The Sunday School under the leadership of Associational Superintendent Mr. B. O. Ward has had the best year's growth yet, going beyond the 1951 record of 614 gain. Great emphasis has been put on the "Million More in 54" effort. With Mrs. L. D. Smith as Associational Vacation Bible School Superintendent, a most helpful one-day V. B. S. Clinic was held at Sandy Grove Church in April. For the past three years our associational goal for V. B. S. has been 100% participation. This year we have reached the goal for the first time. There were also 3 mission V. B. S., 1 of which has now become Northside Church, and 1 colored V. B. S.

Training Union work with Rev. Mark Owens, Director, has moved forward. Early in the associational year, the officers of the Asso. T. U. studied the Associational Training Uion Manual which has contributed to the work. In April an Associational-Wide Study Course was held in the First Church Dublin, with State Director J. P. Morgan and four approved workers leading the different departments. Asso. T. U. meetings have been held each month. Bladen Association was represented in the Annual Tournaments meeting this year at Wallace, with contestants for each of the four groups. The Junior Memory Work winner, little Miss Frances Hester of Zion Hill Church, was a state winner, this year, as well as last.

We were saddened by the moving away of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Frazier to another field of service in the late spring. They both made a great contribution to the work in our association. We are happy to have Rev. and Mrs. Dean L. Minton now serving the Elizabethtown Church and Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Davis and family living in Bladenboro serving the newly formed field of churches, Galeed and Zion Hill. We now boast the largest number of resident pastors we've had, eleven. Only a few years ago we had only 2 resident pastors. We hope the time will soon come when all of our churches can have resident pastors. A helpful Pastors' Conference is held each month, and also a Pastors' Wives' monthly meeting.

We trust the Brotherhood work in our association will be much stronger this next year.

We have 25 Sunday School members at the mission Sunday School we call Pittman Road S. S. Plans are in the making for the erection of a modest chapel there on an acre of ground given to the Bladen Baptist Association by Mr. and Mrs. George Powers for a church building. A committee composed of Rev. J. A. Moore, Mr. Harold Hood, Mr. C. D. Brisson, Mrs. R. B. Buie, and Rev. J. H. McCrimmon was appointed at the Fifth Sunday Session of the Association meeting at Beard's Chapel in May. Rev. J. A. Moore held a series of meetings at the mission during September and his work there was greatly appreciated by the people. We trust a suitable building can be erected soon for this work.

The Community Mission was organized into Northside Baptist Church July 4th, with Rev. Vance Tyson, Pastor.

With all phases of the work there have been 384 meetings in the association attended, 668 individual conferences, 71 group meetings, 22 committee meetings; the attendance at the N. C. Baptist State Convention, State W. M. U. Convention, Divisional W. M. U. and Training Union meetings, the State Planning meetings for Sunday School and Training Union, State V. B. S. Clinic at Fruitland in February and the Associational Missionaries' Conference in July at Fruitland, and one session of T. U. Week at Ridgecrest. There were 4,325 bulletins and 200 copies of the Calendar of Activities published and distributed, 16,286 miles traveled, and telephone calls, letters and cards to accomplish these ends.

Several visits have been made to the New Hope Indian church near East Arcadia and the ladies assisted in the organizing of a W. M. S. and the work of the W. M. U.

Much literature consisting of the Recorder and the monthly magazines has been distributed to those who otherwise would not get it. This has been available to me by the individuals who save it for this purpose. Mission Study books from you have been used in several of the 24 mission study classes where help has been given.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. J. HALL.

STATE MISSIONS

State missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and

train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world. There are 4,200,000 people in the State. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being Christian. Here is our urgent challenge. We have 760,000 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Much of our church constituency is not dedicated in the Christian profession. In this undeveloped area the churches have their primary challenge. This interpretation of the purpose and challenge of State Missions demands a varied program of mission activity.

Our people need to be taught and trained. Three of the most significant phases of State Missions are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church Departments. Already 2,000 Vacation Bible Schools have been reported for 1954. Over 6,000 of our Baptist people attended Training Union Weeks at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer. Many rural churches have been enlisted in our Baptist program of Stewardship and Organizational life.

Over 60% of the people in North Carolina are lost and need a Saviour. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities; also to plan for and promote united evangelistic efforts on a State and Association wide scale.

A growing population demands new and stronger churches. State Missions provides a necessary and significant ministry through aid on the purchase of sites for new churches and on some hundred or more salaries for pastors.

A more highly developed and intelligent congregation demands a better trained pastor. Pastors' Schools are promoted through State Missions to meet this growing demand. Each year about 125 pastors receive better training at Fruitland. Refresher courses are offered from time to time at Mars Hill and Caswell for the benefit of all pastors—trained or untrained. This summer we reached approximately 500 during these two weeks.

The races in our midst constitute a large percentage of our population. State Missions seeks to minister in a limited degree to the Negroes and Indians. We should do more, for ours is the major denomination in North Carolina. They are our responsibility.

Other areas of need constantly challenge the resources of State Missions, namely, The Allied Church League, The Silent People, The Department of Pastoral Care, and the Assemblies, Fruitland and Caswell.

Our church and denominational leaders of tomorrow need to be taught and trained in cooperation and loyalty now. State Missions promotes a Baptist Student program among 20,000 sons and daughters from the Baptists homes of our State. These young men and women constitute a great potential leadership for all areas of tomorrow's world. The churches will need the strength and service of that leadership.

The Sources of Support whereby State Missions can function effectively and fruitfully in all these phases of work are: Cooperative Program—$262.000 Sunday School Board—$20,000, Home Mission Board $2.000. W. M. U. Week of Praver—$72.000 and the Offering through the Sunday Schools on October 24. The State Missions budget, to meet minimum needs, is $450.000. The minimum goal for State Missions Dav on October 24 is $94.000.

Therefore, will you as an individual, and you as a church do your part so that the first part of The Great Commission may be obeyed—and that these rich ministeries may be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world may be more Christian.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. J. F. FREEMAN.

HOME MISSIONS

The word home leaves a very deep impression on our minds, especially when we think of our individual homes. If we transfer the idea of home to our mission work throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, we can be just as deeply impressed because, within the Convention territory, there are millions of lost souls which must be saved. How are they going to be won? The agency by which Baptists hope to win millions of these lost people is the Home Mission Board.

The Board in the past has faced many crtical tasks with a victorious outcome of which we, as members of the Bladen Baptist Association, are especially proud, but yet are facing now the most critical task of all times. Even after making this statement, let us consider "A Story to Thrill the Heart" which was printed in the Biblical Recorder, September 25, 1954. Here it is: "Just one year of accomplishment: Number of workers 1303 which includes 366 student workers, new missions opened 706, churches constituted 284, conversions 31,849, Bibles and Gospels distributed 159,414, and tracts distributed 1,486,445.

Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Baptist Home Mission Board, said: "Your Home Missionaries and the staff are grateful for your support through the Co-operative Program. Your gifts are used widely, wisely, and worthily. Remember—if your church increases its gifts through the Co-operative Program, we can do more in the months to come.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. E. SIMMONS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appointed 70 missionaries during 1953; 37 have been appointed during the first five months of 1954. During the year and five months, 53 missionaries were lost from active service through death, resignation, and retirement, giving an increase of 54 for active service. As of June 1, 1954, the Board has 931 active missionaries. Missionaries are now located in 170 stations in 35 countries or territories: Two of the countries were entered during 1954.

Indirectly, Southern Baptist missions extend to many other countries: through funds aiding national Baptists; through missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of Brazil, through Baptist churches co-operating with Baptist associations of mission countries, through pastors trained at the international seminary in Switzerland; and through literature sent from the Spanish Baptist Publishing House.

The 2,201 churches affiliated with Southern Baptist missions reported 20,326 baptisms during 1953. Their 8,000 organizations (Sunday schools, youth groups, and women's groups) reported 200,000 members. More than 64,000 pupils were reported in 500 mission schools, including 700 students in 91 theological schools. Almost 200,000 patients were treated in eight hospitals, four dispensaries, and 12 clinics manned by 27 missionary doctors, 37 missionary nurses, and 44 national doctors and nurses. Approximately 8,000,000 pieces of literature were published, including 51,000 Bibles.

Southern Baptists gave for foreign missions during 1953 a total of $8,759,948.87 through the Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon Offering, and special designated gifts.

THE COMMISSION, world mission magazine, had an average circulation of 86,535 during 1953.

Among the mission highlights were: re-entry of missionaries into Spain after an absence of over a year, and reopening of the seminary; reopening of the Bible school in Italy; new seminary buildings in

Torreon, Mexico; beginning of theological training and medical work in Indonesia and Malaya; opening of the first Baptist Bible Institute in the Bahamas; location of headquarters for Spanish W. M. U. literature in Santiago, Chile; permit to practice medicine in Mexico granted to a missionary doctor (making a hospital possible in Mexico); purchase of property for a hospital in Pusan harbor, Korea; organization of a Baptist church for Thai people and organization of the first Baptist church in Fordan at Ajloun; location of a missionary in the capital of Mato Grosso, for the first time placing a missionary in every Brazilian state capital; reaching the goal of 100 missionaries in Japan; a new Baptist headquarters building for Nigeria in Ibadan; a new publishing department in operation in Rome.

But, along with our rejoicing over our many highlights and wonderful progress in our mission fields, we pause to mourn the loss of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary, who died June 27, 1953, and Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., who died April 25, 1954. The board suffers a great loss in these two consecrated men and we would offer a silent tribute to their years of service.

Respectfully submitted,
EARL TATUM.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURY

The Treasurer again wishes to thank the churches and their treasurers for their cooperation in our Associational Mission Program. Many of our churches make regular and liberal contributions to Associational Missions. However, our receipts have not been equal to our expenditures. We hope that every church will have a part in Associational Missions next year, and that many of our fine churches will increase their contributions.

The following table gives the receipts by churches. Column one is for Minutes, and Column two is for Associational Missions.

Abbottsburg	$12.00	$ 95.00	Lisbon	$15.00	$ 60.00
Beard's Chapel	6.00	40.00	Love Grove	4.00	
Bethel	12.00	50.00	Nat Moore	2.25	
Bladenboro First	25.00	450.00	New Center	6.00	2.00
Briar Branch		10.00	Richardson		25.00
Butters	6.00	10.00	Riverside	12.00	31.24
Calvary		15.00	Sandy Grove	10.00	42.00
Center Roads	10.00		Shady Grove	10.00	75.00
Clarkton	15.00	100.00	Suggs Grove	4.00	25.00
Council		60.00	Tobermory		10.00
Cypress Creek	15.00	50.00	West Bladenboro	7.00	50.00
Dublin, First	15.00	100.00	White's Creek	10.00	75.00
Elizabethtown	25.00	400.00	White Lake	15.00	15.00
Galeed	24.00	37.50	White Oak	15.00	100.00
Hickory Grove	15.00		Zion Hill	15.00	100.00
Lagoon	2.00	35.00			

TOTAL received for minutes	$ 307.25
TOTAL received for Associational Missions	2,062.74
Assistance from Baptist State Convention	972.00
Balance carried over from last year	739.53
From Harold Hood for an extra copy of the minutes	1.00
Offering at Annual Meeting for Dr. Stealey's Travel	14.80
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	$4,097.32

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mrs. Pearl C. Hall, Salary, less retirement	$2,016.00
Missionary's Travel Expense	720.00
Missionary's Office Expense	180.00

Baptist State Convention, Minister's Retirement	168.00
Printing, Minutes, Programs, registration cards, etc.	412.65
Postage, mailing minutes and Clerk's correspondence	14.76
For binding two volumes of Minutes	6.00
Travel Expense for Dr. S. L. Stealey	14.80
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$3,532.21
BALANCE, October 14, 1954	$ 565.11

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. MOORE, Treasurer.

BUDGET FOR 1954-1955

The Executive Committee recommended the following budget for our Association for 1954-1955:

Salary of the Associational Missionary	$2,100.00
Missionary's Travel Expense	900.00
Associational Bulletin, paper, ink, stencils, etc.	60.00
Other office supplies	15.00
Postage for mailing bulletin and correspondence	50.00
Telephone, long distance calls for Association	75.00
Ministers Retirement	84.00
For printing minutes	300.00
Clerk's expense	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$3,834.00

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. MOORE, Clerk, Ex. Com.

CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

The age old problem of alcoholic beverages is still with us in ever aggravating forms. Like war, like sin, it dies hard. In the meantime, it continues to poison and kill its unfortunate victims. It thrives in an atmosphere of greed, prejudice, ignorance, and indifference.

The best way to deal with arch-enemy of the human race is to turn on the light, bring to bear on it the facts as revealed by careful research and investigation into the real character and purpose of those who make and sell intoxicating liquors and its effect upon the physical, moral, and spiritual man.

Let us notice three results of the use of alcohol: Abstainers from the use of alcohol have an average life expectancy longer than that of habitual users of alcohol. So-called moderate users of alcohol have a slightly shorter life expectancy, and die at a little earlier age than is the case with non-users. Heavy drinkers, whether habitually or periodically, and all classes of people whose occupation give easy access to alcohol, or appear to require its use to succeed in business, have very decidedly reduced average longevity. The effects of alcohol upon the home are various, and all of them contribute to the emotional instability, educational inadequacy, economic dependency, and defective personality, particularly among the children. It is estimated that alcohol is a direct and indirect cause of death to the extent of approximately 10 per 100,000.

Keep smiling, organizing, working, giving and teaching, and in doing this, we can help make America worthy of the leadership of the world.

Another thing to consider under the topic is gambling. It has become an insidious evil, difficult to check—difficult because church members and members of responsible civic groups insist on using gambling devices for pleasure and recreation and for raising funds with which to support desirable causes. These gambling and lottery

devices have been declared illegal by our Justice Department, yet they are used openly at celebrations, carnivals, fairs, public gatherings, without protest. Deliberate violation of laws, passed for protection of public morals, is un-Christian and should not be indulged in by Baptists.

Sunday is God's holy day. It is fast becoming a holiday rather than a holy day. Theatres are opened unchallenged, baseball and football games scheduled without much of a protest, auto racing, carnivals and many other things are going on on the Sabbath, the day God set aside for spiritual recreation. Neither time nor space will allow us to go deeper into the details of these breaches of God's law.

Finally, let us look briefly at juvenile delinquency. We cannot leave it out of our reckoning. Reasons for its alarming increase may largely be found in the shorter time spent in the home and the lack of Christian supervision of children. Wider fields of knowledge entered in school, the influence of motion pictures, television programs, and much undesirable magazine reading, have a part. The dangerous influence of bad company must be considered.

More than 1,000,000 are picked up annually in the United States as juvenile delinquents. Of this number, 300,000 reach the courts. There has been an increase of 19 per cent in juvenile delinquency the past four years. J. Edgar Hoover reports that of every 1,000 murders, 140 are under 21 years of age; of every 1,000 robberies, 360 are committed by those under 21; of every 1,000 of those accused of burglary, 510 are under 21 (Peloubet's Notes, 1954, page 209).

Respectfully submitted,
MARTIN WILSON.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF BLADEN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church Membership
L. L. Barnes,	Route 2, Elizabethtown (OP)	Beard's Chapel
R. A. Britt,	Bladenboro (OP)	Bladenboro, First
Joe R. Burn,	Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth	Love Grove
N. B. Edge,	Delco (OP)	Suggs Grove
R. J. Edwards,	Butters (OR)	Butters
R. L. Edwards,	Dublin (OP)	Dublin, First
Gaston Hester,	Bladenboro (OP)	West Bladenboro
James M. Hester,	Long Beach, Cal. (R.Ch)	Calvary
Holland Hughes,	Bladenboro (OP)	West Bladenboro
Joel S. Johnson,	White Oak (OP)	White Oak
Thomas H. Lambert,	Dublin (OP)	Bethel
John H. McCrimmon,	Bladenboro (OP)	Bladenboro First
Dean L. Minton,	Elizabethtown (OP)	Elizabethtown
John A. Moore,	Clarkton (OP)	Clarkton
Mark Owens,	Route 2, Bladenboro (OP)	White's Creek
Z. G. Ray,	Tar Heel (OP)	Love Grove
J. J. Weeks,	Clarkton (OR)	Clarkton

O—Ordained. P—Pastor. M—Minister. R—Retired. Ch.—Chaplain.

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None

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR

None

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

None

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Mrs. Hilda Cain, White Oak.....White Oak
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Mr. Ross Edwards, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Calvary
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E. W. Bryan, Bladenboro ..... Clarkton
A. S. Register, Clarkton ..... Council
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C. E. Simmons, Route 2, St. Pauls ..... West Bladenboro
J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro ..... White's Creek
Mr. A. R. Townsend, Route 1, Clarkton ..... White Lake
D. A. Marshburn, Route 2, Elizabethtown ..... White Oak
Mr. P. G. Cain, White Oak

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ABBOTTSBURG—Mrs. Tillie Atkinson, Mrs. Beulah Thompson, Mr. J. D. McKeithan, Deacon.

BETHEL—Mr. Roger Britt, Mr. Dan W. Brown.

BLADENBORO, FIRST—Mr. D. Mack Britt.

CALVARY—Miss Della Harrelson.

CENTER ROAD—Mrs. Minnie Carroll.

CLARKTON—Mr. G. W. Hester, Deacon, Mrs. B. F. Yarborough.

COUNCIL—Mr. L. E. Squires, Deacon.

CYPRESS CREEK—Mrs Ila Robinson, Mrs. Minnie Lee Smith.

DUBLIN, FIRST—Mr. Johnnie W. Shaw.

ELIZABETHTOWN—Mr. F. E. Bullard, Mrs. Sallie Cain, Mr. Walter A. Hair.

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HICKORY GROVE—Mrs. Annie Davis.

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NAT MOORE—Mr. C. G. Bigford.

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SANDY GROVE—Mr. B. L. White, Mr. Clyde Adams, Ministerial Student.

WEST BLADENBORO—Mr. James Smith.

WHITE OAK—Sgt. John Biconish, U. S. Army.

ZION HILL—Mr. D. T. Edwards, Mrs. Mary Ivey.

Inasmuch as it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove some of our members to His heavenly Kingdom, we can only say with Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

We want to humbly thank Him for their lives lived among us.

Respectfully submitted,
SETH LEWIS.

HISTORICAL TABLE—BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Brown's Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at that meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1	1892	Mt. Pleasant	William Brunt	H. B. Register	W. S Melvin
2	1893	Cypress Creek	William Brunt	H B. Register	A. J. Broadax
3	1894	Galeed	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
4	1895	White Oak	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brisson
5	1896	Hickory Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brunt
6	1897	Clarkton	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	C. E. Beard
7	1898	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
8	1899	Frenches Creek	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	E. J Edwards
9	1900	Mt. Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	W. S. Ballard
10	1901	Garland	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	H. C. Dillard
11	1902	Galeed	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
12	1903	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
13	1904	Shady Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	A. H. Porter
14	1905	White Lake	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	J. S. Farmer
15	1906	Hickory Grove	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	H. B. Humphrey
16	1907	White Oak	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. T. Britt
17	1908	Abbottsburg	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
18	1909	White Lake	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. O. Meeks
19	1910	Mt Zion	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	A. L Betts
20	1911	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
21	1912	Bethel	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Fleming
22	1913	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Hester
23	1914	Bladenboro	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
24	1915	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
25	1916	Bethel	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	J. D. Howell
26	1917	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
27	1918	Elizabethtown	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
28	1919	White Oak	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	R. E. Powell
29	1920	Center Road	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	E. O. Johnson
30	1921	Elizabethtown	R. E. Powell	D. B. Johnson	R. E. Powell
31	1922	Hickory Grove	S. N Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
32	1923	White Oak	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	W. D. Pridgen
33	1924	Galeed	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
34	1925	Love's Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
35	1926	Clarkton	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
36	1927	White Oak	R. J. Hester	Seth Lewis	L. E. Dutton
37	1928	White's Creek	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
38	1929	Bladenboro	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
39	1930	Clarkton	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. A. Coleman
40	1931	Elizabethtown	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
41	1932	Hickory Grove	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	R. J. Hall
42	1933	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. R. Hinton
43	1934	Abbottsburg	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. A. Paul
44	1935	White Oak	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. C. Hough
45	1936	Tar Heel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	Joel Johnson
46	1937	Sandy Grove	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
47	1938	Center Road	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
48	1939	White Lake	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. B. Horne
49	1940	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	M. O. Alexander
50	1941	Zion Hill	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. H. Canady
51	1942	White's Creek	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	R. F. Marshburn
52	1943	Galeed	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	S. R. Goodman
53	1944	Clarkton	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	B. H. Laughridge
54	1945	Hickory Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. S. Smith
55	1946	Bladenboro	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. D. Frazier
56	1947	Cypress Creek	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. P. Stevens
57	1948	Shady Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. P. Burchett
58	1949	Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	B. W. Howell
59	1950	Lisbon	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	John A. Moore
60	1951	Center Roads	C. D. Brisson	R. A. Britt	I. B. Dosher
61	1952	Love Grove Clarkton	C. D. Brisson	Leon D. Smith	F. W. Naylor M. M. Turner
62	1953	Dublin First Sandy Grove	Leon D. Smith	John A Moore	John H. McCrimmon R. M. Walton
63	1954	Shady Grove Zion Hill	Leon D. Smith	John A Moore	Mark Owens Joel S. Johnson

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting AM	Dates of Meeting PM	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES John A. Moore, Clerk, Clarkton, N. C. Leon D. Smith, Moderator Elizabethtown, N. C.	GAINS Baptisms	GAINS Letters and Other Additions	Losses Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	TOTAL Total Resident Members	TOTAL Total Non-resident Members	TOTAL Grand Total Present Members	TOTAL Male Membership	TOTAL Female Membership	SPECIAL INFORMATION Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	No. Missions Supported by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
1. Abbottsburg	V	1870	1-3	1-3		0	1	4	79	14	93	29	50	1	------	No	------	$ 720.00
2. Beard's Chapel	R	1890	1	2	E. L. Anderson, Rt. 2, Autryville	9	------	1	61	36	97	30	67	2	------	------	------	600.00
3. Bethel	R	1882	2-4	1-3	T. H. Lambert, Dublin	25	25	5	196	28	224	98	126	2	11	No	------	1,600.00
4. Bladenboro, First	T	1911	All		John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	11	16	9	325	61	386	------	------	1	70	No	------	5,000.00
5. Briar Branch	R	1898	4	2	L. L. Barnes, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	7	2	3	43	35	78	24	54	------	------	------	------	270.27
6. Butters	V	1932	1	3	Gaston Hester, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	8	6	3	80	47	127	44	83	2	10	No	------	415.00
7. Calvary	R	1939	2-4			1	------	6	42	15	58	28	30	1	5	No	------	390.00
8. Center Road	R	1885	2-4		H. B. Bennett, Shallotte	3	1	9	250	27	277	119	158	1	------	No	------	1,200.00
9. Clarkton	T	1884	2-4	1-3	John A. Moore, Clarkton	32	12	11	266	67	333	152	181	1	------	No	------	2,000.00
10. Council	V	1912	1-3	2-4	J. Marshall Weaver, Kelly	0	0	1	------	------	156	85	71	1	20	------	------	1,510.00
11. Cypress Creek	R	1853	1-3	2-4	E. F. Knight, Harrell's	5	2	6	149	24	173	60	79	1	------	No	------	1,500.00
12. Dublin, First	V	1951	1-3	2-4	R. L. Edwards, Dublin	12	4	1	190	13	203	99	104	1	13	No	------	1,800.00
13. Elizabethtown	T	1903	All		Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown	11	34	26	534	15	549	207	342	2	91	No	------	3,900.00
14. Galeed	R	1876	1-3	2-4	M. J. Davis, Bladenboro	0	7	16	159	107	266	119	147	2	------	------	------	450.00
15. Hickory Grove	R	1834	2-4	1-3	R. L. Edwards, Dublin	16	------	7	------	------	232	114	118	1	------	No	------	1,500.00
16. Lagoon	R	1896		4		0	3	1	15	12	27	------	------	1	------	No	------	164.65
17. Lisbon	R	1872	------			3	5	------	139	30	169	66	103	1	------	Yes	------	1,200.00
18. Love Grove	V	1872	------			1	10	27	150	65	215	101	114	2	------	No	------	1,500.00
19. Nat Moore	R	1914		4	N. B. Edge, Delco	8	1	1	63	6	69	31	38	2	------	------	------	341.51
20. New Center	R	1947	1	3	Earl Lanier, Clarendon	0	2	1	------	------	56	21	35	2	2	------	------	225.00
21. Northside	R	1954	1-3	1-3	Vance H. Tyson, Rockingham	10	27	------	37	------	37	19	18	------	------	------	------	1,200.00
22. Richardson	R	1914	1	3	John A. Moore, Clarkton	6	1	4	58	29	94	42	52	1	------	------	------	401.50
23. Riverside	R	1924	2-4	2-4	Ben F. Philbeck, Ingold	3	6	------	79	35	114	54	60	1	6	Yes	------	750.00
24. Sandy Grove	R	1876	2-4		Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	9	5	17	200	9	209	89	120	------	------	Yes	------	1,200.00
25. Shady Grove	R	1880	1-3	2-4	Mark Owens, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	0	2	2	145	45	190	81	109	------	6	No	------	1,200.00
26. Suggs Grove	R	1855	2	4		7	1	------	73	65	138	67	71	2	15	No	------	1,800.00
27. Tobermory	R	1937	1-3		Z. G. Ray, Tar Heel	5	------	6	50	33	83	32	51	1	------	------	------	360.00
28. West Bladenboro	V	1917		1234	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	5	------	4	135	19	154	54	100	2	16	------	------	1,200.00
29. White's Creek	R	1914	2-4	1-3	Mark Owens, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	0	------	10	108	15	123	61	62	1	15	Yes	------	1,200.00
30. White Lake	R	1846	------		Joel S. Johnson, White Oak	0	2	1	34	57	91	40	51	2	1	------	------	512.50
31. White Oak	R	1858	1-3	2-4	Joel S. Johnson, White Oak	1	3	6	125	85	210	89	110	2	15	------	------	1,800.00
32. Zion Hill	R	1886	2-4	1-3	M. J. Davis, Bladenboro	0	------	21	117	19	136	73	63	2	18	No	------	1,800.00
Total	------	------	------	------	------	198	178	209	3,702	947	5,367	1,855	2,322	41	314	------	------	$ 39,710.43

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES B. O. Ward, Associational Superintendent Bladenboro, N. C.	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT																
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes And Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
1. Abbottsburg	Billy McKeithan, Abbottsburg	------	------	29	13	30	16	13	45	------	------	------	146	76	94	90	Yes	1
2. Beard's Chapel	Gaddie Norris, Garland	------	------	12	12	17	17	30	57	------	------	------	145	89	64	50	Yes	------
3. Bethel	Thomas Carroll, Dublin	------	8	20	23	40	29	40	130	10	10	------	310	200	99	94	Yes	2
4. Bladenboro, First	J. J. Pittman, Bladenboro	12	30	28	45	51	42	16	153	5	3	------	385	208	145	116	Yes	----
5. Briar Branch	W. W. Hardison, Elizabethtown	------	------	5	8	10	------	23	20	------	------	------	66	45	------	------	------	1
6. Butters	Marvin Mercer, Box 668, Lumberton	------	------	42	------	15	15	25	36	------	------	------	133	66	80	70	Yes	------
7. Calvary	W. B. Warner, Rt. 1, Clarkton	------	------	4	4	8	8	8	20	------	7	------	59	22	28	27	No	------
8. Center Road	Earnest Singletary, Rt. 1, Elizabethtown	------	------	20	12	17	32	33	38	------	------	------	152	133	131	111	No	------
9. Clarkton	E. W. Warner, Rt. 1, Clarkton	------	24	15	36	40	45	35	123	------	------	------	318	194	97	73	Yes	1
10. Council	H. E. Cox, Rt. 1, Council	7	------	16	16	15	10	14	52	11	2	------	143	77	------	------	No	1
11. Cypress Creek	G. D. Johnson, Rt. 1, Garland	10	20	22	21	33	17	22	84	------	------	------	229	130	93	89	Yes	------
12. Dublin, First	Dixon Brisson, Dublin	8	6	26	38	41	24	71	70	------	4	------	288	170	114	102	Yes	------
13. Elizabethtown	Clyde R. Jordan, Elizabethtown	6	94	52	76	60	54	49	224	20	6	------	641	346	198	170	Yes	1
14. Galeed	Hal Kelly, Boardman	------	------	32	16	23	34	65	35	6	------	------	211	120	73	71	------	------
15. Hickory Grove	Julius Allen, Bladenboro	------	------	24	16	22	22	------	87	------	------	------	171	161	------	------	Yes	------
16. Lagoon	R. H. Merritt, Lagoon	------	4	2	------	------	4	------	19	------	4	------	33	22	13	10	No	------
17. Lisbon	Irwin Phillips, Council	24	------	11	11	24	17	20	49	23	5	------	184	92	65	60	Yes	2
18. Love Grove	R. A. Bedsole, Tar Heel	------	------	34	33	38	15	30	111	------	2	------	263	150	117	106	No	------
19. Nat Moore	Lee Robeson, Kelly	------	------	22	18	------	------	------	37	------	------	------	77	38	24	18	Yes	------
20. New Center	Leamon Duncan, Bladenboro	------	------	21	25	------	30	------	43	------	------	------	119	91	68	68	Yes	1
21. Northside	T. S. Dove, Bladenboro	9	------	18	12	16	5	------	32	------	10	------	102	63	------	------	------	------
22. Richardson	Elery Singletary, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	------	------	10	9	14	------	13	15	------	------	------	61	35	63	60	Yes	1
23. Riverside	Bill Jernigan, Rt. 1, Garland	------	------	8	9	11	9	5	37	------	------	------	79	49	56	52	Yes	------
24. Sandy Grove	Emmett Guyton, Bladenboro	------	------	20	20	20	20	15	75	------	------	------	170	120	70	50	Yes	2
25. Shady Grove	Leston Thompson, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	4	26	22	23	28	28	42	48	------	2	------	223	153	116	87	No	------
26. Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Rt. 5, Fayetteville	------	4	20	6	15	12	12	74	------	9	------	152	115	63	51	No	------
27. Tobermory	Oscar Terry, Rt. 2, St. Pauls	8	------	14	12	20	15	15	20	10	------	------	114	65	46	38	Yes	------
28. West Bladenboro	W. T. Kinlaw, Bladenboro	------	------	34	13	50	39	51	75	------	------	------	262	135	122	------	Yes	------
29. White's Creek	Leslie Harrelson, Rt. Clarkton	------	15	15	14	16	10	30	51	3	------	------	154	85	67	65	Yes	------
30. White Lake	Graden Melvin, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	------	2	20	21	20	22	1	25	------	6	------	117	42	35	32	------	------
31. White Oak	E. M. Tatum, White Oak	------	------	10	12	16	18	10	22	23	1	------	112	75	89	80	No	------
32. Zion Hill	Hutchinson White, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	------	------	23	13	23	8	22	69	------	1	------	159	95	76	64	No	------
Totals		88	233	651	587	733	617	710	1,976	111	72	------	5,778	3,462	2,306	1,904	------	13

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES Mark Owens, Associational Director Rt. 2, Bladenboro, N. C.	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT										
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
1. Abbottsburg	Mrs. Ruth Yarborough, Abbottsburg				10	12				5	27	22
2. Beard's Chapel												
3. Bethel	Edgar Priest, Tar Heel			10	20	15	12	32		17	106	78
4. Bladenboro, First	Robert Lewis, Bladenboro		13	13	24	35		26		3	114	72
5. Briar Branch	R. L. McDuffie, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown			8	10		15	14			47	47
6. Butters												
7. Calvary	Miss Katherine Harrelson, Rt. 1, Clarkton					10		10		3	23	12
8. Center Road	Mrs. Allie Taylor, Rt. 2, Bladenboro				29			30		10	69	54
9. Clarkton	D. B. Little, Clarkton			15	15	25	15	17		8	95	53
10. Council			6	6	8	10	11	17		7	65	39
11. Cypress Creek	Earl Smith, Rt. 1, Garland		10		12	15	9	30		3	79	55
12. Dublin, First	Mrs. James McUntyre, Dublin		8	6	14	22		25		4	79	57
13. Elizabethtown	Mrs. Swain King, Elizabethtown		16	29	28	34	15	39		2	163	97
14. Galeed	Mrs. H. C. Edwards, Bladenboro				12	24		21			57	42
15. Hickory Grove	F. T. Nance, Bladenboro		13		22	16		30		2	83	66
16. Lagoon	Louanna Marshall, Lagoon				6			13		1	20	6
17. Lisbon	Bradford Barber, Rt. 1, Clarkton		7	9	17	17		25		5	80	54
18. Love Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel		17	9	20	11	12	27		4	100	45
19. Nat Moore												
20. New Center												
21. Northside												
22. Richardson	Chriss Merritt, Rt. 1, Bladenboro		9		6	8		12		4	39	31
23. Riverside	Monroe Marshburn, Rt. 1, Tomahawk				10		26				36	25
24. Sandy Grove	Mrs. Stuart Davis, Bladenboro		10	15	20	10	10	15			80	55
25. Shady Grove	Riley Evans, Rt. 1, Clarkton	15	6	9	26	13	8	17		2	96	62
26. Suggs Grove												
27. Tobermory	Nick Baker, Rt. 2, St. Pauls				10	21		19		6	56	30
28. West Bladenboro	J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro				25		17	25			67	22
29. White's Creek	Mrs. Merde Britt, Rt. 1, Clarkton	18			15	10	8	34		5	90	65
30. White Lake												
31. White Oak	P. G. Cain, White Oak				13	8		12			33	25
32. Zion Hill	Theron Pait, Bladenboro		11		16	8	16	10		6	67	44
Totals		33	126	129	388	324	174	500		97	1,771	1,158

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES Associational Superintendent, Mrs. D. J. McDaniel Rt. 2, Bladenboro, N. C.	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
1. Abbottsburg	Mrs. Marie Ward, Abbottsburg	1					1	21					21	
2. Beard's Chapel	Mrs. Tommie Johnson, Garland	1					1	7					7	
3. Bethel	Mrs. T. H. Lambert, Dublin	1	1	1	1	1	5	16	18	12	12	8	74	8
4. Bladenboro, First	Mrs. H. J. White, Jr., Bladenboro	1	1	2	1	2	7	115	20	20	9	35	199	64
5. Briar Branch	Mrs. Mable Hardison, Elizabethtown	1					1	9					9	
6. Butters	Mrs. Henry Sykes, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1				1	2	21				20	41	10
7. Calvary	Mrs. W. B. Warner, Rt. 1, Clarkton	1					1	12					12	
8. Center Road	Mrs. Luther Bryan, Bladenboro	1			1		2	18			21		39	
9. Clarkton	Mrs. Harry Prince, Clarkton	1	1	2	1	1	6	54	16	18	13	8	109	33
10. Council	Mrs. Nettie Moore, Rt. 1, Council	1					1	15					15	
11. Cypress Creek	Mrs. Wilson Smith, Rt. 1, Garland	1	1	1	1	1	5	42	8	7	11	14	82	2
12. Dublin, First	Mrs. Marshall Bordeaux, Rt. 1, Elizabethtown	1	1	1	1	1	5	26	8	21	12	25	92	13
13. Elizabethtown	Mrs. J. S. Allen, Elizabethtown	1	1	2	1	3	8	196	12	36	7	37	288	91
14. Galeed	Mrs. Hal Kelly, Boardman	1	1	1			3	32	18	18			68	
15. Hickory Grove	Miss Ruby Hester, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1		1			2	38		8			46	15
16. Lagoon	Atwood Smith, Lagoon	1					1	5					5	
17. Lisbon	Mrs. S. W. Phillips, Council	1	1	2	1	1	6	25	7	12	13	20	77	21
18. Love Grove	Mrs. Z. G. Ray, Tar Heel	1		1		1	3	42		25		26	93	17
19. Nat Moore	Mrs. Herbert Bigform, Kelly	1					1	10					10	
20. New Center	Mrs. Woodrow Edwards, Bladenboro	1	1				2	11	7				18	
21. Northside	Mrs. Allen Davis, Bladenboro	1					1	9					9	6
22. Richardson	Mrs. Sam Singletary, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1		1			2	20		12			32	
23. Riverside	Mrs. Namon Rich, Rt. 1, Tomahawk	1					1	20					20	4
24. Sandy Grove	Mrs. Emmett Guyton, Bladenboro	1	1	1			3	18	17	10			45	10
25. Shady Grove	Mrs. Della Santee, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	1	1	1	1	1	5	20	5	6	13	12	56	4
26. Suggs Grove	Mrs. Badger Edge, White Oak	1		1	1	1	4	15		6	6	4	31	
27. Tobermory	Mrs. C. E. Simmons, Rt. 1, St. Pauls	1					1	9					9	
28. West Bladenboro	Mrs. Grace Bennett, Bladenboro	1	1	1		1	4	17	10	16		14	57	16
29. White's Creek	Mrs. Ada Margaret Hayes, Rt. 1, Clarkton	1		1	1		3	21		6	12		39	15
30. White Lake	Mrs. Graden Melvin, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	1					1	12					12	
31. White Oak	Mrs. Hallie McClure, White Oak	1		1			2	18		10			28	6
32. Zion Hill	Mrs. Lee Roy Brown, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1	1	1	1		4	20	10	12	16		58	13
Totals		32	13	22	12	15	94	914	156	255	145	223	1,694	348

TABLE E—BROTHERHOOD WORK, BUILDINGS, GOALS, CHURCH LIBRARY, CHURCH MUSIC, VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES Associational Brotherhood President N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown, N. C.	BROTHERHOOD						BUILDING			GOALS		CHURCH LIBRARY	CHURCH MUSIC					VISUAL EDUCATION	
		Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association missions coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Church Had Music Training Course	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
1. Abbottsburg									$ 7,000	?	$ 35	$ 60	No				No	No	No	No
2. Beard's Chapel									10,000				No						No	No
3. Bethel									60,000		50	50	No	1			No	No	No	No
4. Bladenboro, First									100,000		3,600	450	Yes	3	59	1,400	No	No	Yes	Yes
5. Briar Branch									1,170		12		No							
6. Butters									3,200											
7. Calvary									4,500				No				No	No	No	No
8. Center Road									15,000	3,800			No				No	No	No	No
9. Clarkton	Harry Prince, Clarkton	48	11			48	11	5,835	54,176		1,360	150	No	1		40	Yes	No	No	No
10. Council									8,000				Yes						No	No
11. Cypress Creek	Earl Smith, Garland	15	8			15	8		10,000	800	75	50	No						No	No
12. Dublin, First									40,000		100	100	No				No	No	No	No
13. Elizabethtown	L. R. Cain, Elizabethtown	57	12			57	12	12,250	100,000	15,375	3,000	450	Yes	3	70	50	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
14. Galeed									10,000											
15. Hickory Grove									10,000				No							
16. Lagoon									3,000				No							
17. Lisbon	A. A. Barber, Clarkton								20,000					2	50					
18. Love Grove									9,809				No						No	No
19. Nat Moore									2,000				No						No	No
20. New Center									2,500											
21. Northside									1,000		260		No						No	No
22. Richardson									2,616		125	25	No						No	No
23. Riverside									4,500					1	12		No	No	No	No
24. Sandy Grove	Crofton Kinlaw, Rt. 2, Bladenboro								8,000										No	No
25. Shady Grove								6,000	18,000	1,700	300	75	No	2	30			No	No	No
26. Suggs Grove									25,000				No				No	No	No	No
27. Tobermory									2,500											
28. West Bladenboro								4,500	10,000		100	50	No							
29. White's Creek									8,000		300							No		
30. White Lake									5,000	400									No	No
31. White Oak								2,500	10,750		300	100	Yes				No	No	No	No
32. Zion Hill									3,500				No	1	12		No	No	No	No
Totals		120	31			120	31	31,500	569,221	22,075	9,617	1,560		14	233	1,490				

TABLE F—CHURCH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES Associational Treasurer, John A. Moore, Clarkton, N. C.	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
1. Abbottsburg	Barnie B. Bradshaw, Rfd, Bladenboro	$ 3,506.72	$	$ 59.08	$ 2,131.68	$ 156.68	$ 24.91	$ 222.66	$	$ 72.46	$ 2,667.47	$ 720.00	$ 3,387.47
2. Beard's Chapel	Simon Gurganious, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	4,069.81		70.00	1,401.06	125.68		295.59	1,022.31	89.34	3,003.98	600.00	3,603.98
3. Bethel	E. W. Woodell, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	12,949.70	450.00	371.75	3,540.06	212.26	72.02	439.47	3,650.00	350.00	9,085.56	1,600.00	10,685.56
4. Bladenboro, First	H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	37,978.70	3,639.25	1,556.59	19,599.23	1,452.44	253.87	470.00		735.08	27,706.46	5,000.00	32,706.50
5. Briar Branch	H. W. Watson, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	819.20			69.95	98.37	34.63	78.00		21.79	302.74	270.27	573.01
6. Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1,305.98		139.74		172.28		125.00		162.30	599.32	415.00	1,014.32
7. Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Rt. 1, Clarkton	1,104.30		16.20	108.20	56.63	41.79	79.00		44.17	345.99	390.00	735.99
8. Center Road	Wade Pait, Bladenboro	2,556.72				202.05	79.45	610.87		197.41	1,089.78	1,200.00	2,289.78
9. Clarkton	N. B. Ellis, Clarkton	12,216.30	209.00	1,031.70	6,174.63	771.35	55.62	232.00		643.60	9,117.90	2,000.00	11,117.90
10. Council	Simeon McLean, Rt. 2, Council	4,740.57		750.00	2,605.85	226.95	100.00	227.50		636.64	4,546.94	1,510.00	6,056.94
11. Cypress Creek	Wilson Smith, Rt. 1, Garland	2,991.61	60.00	81.00	425.45	156.33	92.69	206.51		273.17	1,295.15	1,500.00	2,777.20
12. Dublin, First	Kenneth Hester, Dublin	6,158.99		657.11	1,000.00	492.42	133.31	100.00		663.45	3,046.29	1,800.00	4,846.29
13. Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	28,592.00		802.63	676.45	1,725.89		450.00	9,450.22	4,389.86	17,495.05	4,300.00	21,795.05
14. Galeed	Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro	4,471.45	75.00		142.46	298.71	148.61	943.47		160.80	1,769.05	450.00	2,219.05
15. Hickory Grove	Roy Hester, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	4,442.50			177.50	272.46	1,990.82	216.86		284.86	2,942.50	1,500.00	4,442.50
16. Lagoon	R. H. Merritt, Lagoon	597.85		15.37	107.23	38.89	39.00				200.49	164.65	365.14
17. Lisbon	E. M. Ward, Elizabethtown	3,875.45	120.00	208.20	1,355.86	318.75	126.49	175.00		32.15	2,336.45	1,200.00	3,536.45
18. Love Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel	4,912.88	251.00	162.00	39.09	330.00	68.75	317.98		110.00	1,279.82	1,187.50	2,467.32
19. Nat Moore	H. B. Bigford, Kelly	854.29			389.09	45.09				41.00	475.18	341.51	816.69
20. New Center	Mrs. E. R. Ashley, Bladenboro	817.91	513.60					77.31		2.00	592.91	225.00	817.91
21. Northside	Clyde Dove, Bladenboro	1,395.56		2.00	173.00	34.76	5.00		500.00	4.90	719.66	250.00	969.66
22. Richardson	Mrs. Stanley Davis, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	1,099.00		33.14	101.41	102.68	20.20	74.54		153.57	485.54	401.50	887.04
23. Riverside	Joe Evans, Rt. 1, Tomahawk	1,822.17		82.52		151.74		157.52		41.50	433.28	625.50	1,058.78
24. Sandy Grove	A. W. Shaw, Bladenboro	3,013.02	96.00	270.29		303.12	107.73	137.74			914.88	1,441.50	2,356.38
25. Shady Grove	Fred Skipper, Bladenboro	5,870.82		416.68	3,495.74	317.99	80.90	308.41	800.00	153.83	5,573.55	1,200.00	6,773.55
26. Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Rt. 5, Fayetteville	5,570.42		618.00	1,502.00	292.22	94.95	471.27		92.78	3,071.22	1,800.00	4,871.22
27. Tobermory	David Whichard, Rt. 2, St. Pauls	1,607.36		664.07		186.17	200.00	81.00		116.12	1,247.36	360.00	1,607.36
28. West Bladenboro	F. C. Turner, Bladenboro	2,073.64	90.00	146.76		280.91	50.95	236.03		48.99	853.64	1,200.00	2,073.64
29. White's Creek	T. B. Harrelson, Rt. 1, Clarkton	4,682.80		35.00	477.00	210.12	119.00	135.00		229.67	1,205.79	1,250.00	2,455.79
30. White Lake	Mrs. F. R. Bell, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	1,433.65	67.33	153.44		126.27	113.58	265.81		313.95	1,040.38	512.50	1,552.88
31. White Oak	Miss Lizzie Purdie, White Oak	5,727.69	270.00	1,329.07	3,531.95	159.34	26.50	125.00		192.70	5,634.56	1,800.00	7,434.56
32. Zion Hill	Robert Hester, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	3,554.83		253.90	109.08	304.10	197.16	425.98		89.91	1,380.13	450.00	1,830.13
Totals		$176,813.27	$5,841.18	$9,926.24	$46,333.97	$9,622.65	$4,278.78	$7,685.52	$15,422.53	$10,348.00	$112,459.02	$37,615.36	$150,126.04

TABLE G—GIFTS FOR ALL MISSIONS, EDUCATION, ORPHANAGES, ETC.

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES Associational Missionary, Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro, N. C.	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief and Annuity, Other Objects	Total Expenditure for Missions	Grand Total Expenditure for All Purposes
1. Abbottsburg	Gerald Yarborough, Abbottsburg	$ 33.05	$ 107.00	$	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 45.80	$ 78.73	$ 18.60	$	$ 293.18	$ 3,680.65
2. Beard's Chapel	W. Sloan Norris, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	62.92	40.00	15.00	135.45			115.33	93.39	13.74	465.83	4,069.81
3. Bethel	F. C. Leggett, Tar Heel	8.49	50.00	60.00	76.02	79.96	21.38	60.20	34.00	256.61	646.66	11,332.22
4. Bladenboro, First	R. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	3,300.00	450.00	195.34	172.25	2,200.00	300.00	2,474.99	400.00	342.76	9,835.34	42,541.84
5. Briar Branch	H. L. Jones, Elizabethtown	15.27	10.00	15.00	27.17			29.00	15.76	5.50	117.70	690.71
6. Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	3.00	10.00	10.00		13.00		20.00	27.00		83.00	1,097.32
7. Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, Rt. 1, Clarkton	4.25	20.00	15.00	42.35	32.52	5.00	58.95	12.55	14.75	205.37	941.36
8. Center Road	W. D. Pait, Jr., Bladenboro	78.50			61.83		24.72	81.25	30.52		276.82	2,566.60
9. Clarkton	Miss Marilyn Meggs, Clarkton	1,109.45	100.00	39.93	71.55	111.06	22.66	150.00	100.00		1,704.65	12,822.55
10. Council	J. M. Moore, Acme	144.00	60.00	77.00	31.36	31.35		300.74	48.87	32.53	725.85	6,782.79
11. Cypress Creek	A. E. Smith, Rt. 1, Garland	7.26	50.00	40.00	13.25	30.65		36.51	28.50	9.24	215.41	3,010.56
12. Dublin, First	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Elizabethtown	142.00	100.00	239.33	184.65	171.18		180.26	127.76		1,145.18	5,991.47
13. Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	2,500.00	400.00	47.36	234.19	450.25	289.37	609.50	210.50	232.39	4,973.56	26,768.61
14. Galeed	Gordon Lennon, Bladenboro	400.00	50.00	111.50	258.83	437.10		240.00	50.00	25.00	1,572.43	3,791.48
15. Hickory Grove	M. M. Hester, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	837.18			51.87	260.00		931.09	115.06	60.00	2,255.15	6,697.65
16. Lagoon	Mrs. E. B. Smith, Lagoon	6.00	35.00		10.00	10.00		15.00	10.00		86.00	451.14
17. Lisbon	E. M. Ward, Elizabethtown	100.00	60.00	29.50	22.50	14.00		80.00	25.00		331.00	3,867.45
18. Love Grove	W. J. Monroe, Tar Heel	159.21		187.50		162.82		688.76	131.74	112.23	1,442.26	3,909.58
19. Nat Moore	S. T. Squires, Kelly	17.21						5.55	3.55	5.29	31.60	848.29
20. New Center	Mrs. J. J. Ransom, Bladenboro											817.91
21. Northside	Dewey H. Hester, Bladenboro	27.30									27.30	996.96
22. Richardson	Stanley Davis, Rt. 1, Bladenboro	100.00	25.00	15.00	4.00	4.00		25.00			173.00	1,060.04
23. Riverside	Joe Evans, Rt. 1, Tomahawk	321.95	31.25	44.50	10.00	10.00		190.50	19.75	10.00	637.95	1,696.73
24. Sandy Grove	L. B. Cain, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	119.82	42.00	79.14	121.57			243.86	50.25		656.64	3,013.02
25. Shady Grove	Leston Thompson, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	134.32	75.00	20.09	6.35	13.44		60.00	25.00	17.60	351.80	7,125.35
26. Suggs Grove	Mrs. Craven Cain, White Oak		25.00		12.10	10.07		99.50	100.00	252.53	499.20	5,370.42
27. Tobermory	David Whichard, Rt. 2, St. Pauls	33.00	10.00	32.00	6.00	15.00		25.00	25.00		146.00	1,753.36
28. West Bladenboro	Eddie Bowen, Bladenboro	100.00	50.00	35.00	46.00	47.20	40.00		41.00	51.15	410.35	2,483.99
29. White's Creek	A. R. Townsend	100.00	75.00	25.00	25.50	12.82		141.60	25.00		449.92	2,860.71
30. White Lake	D. A. Marshburn, Rt. 2, Elizabethtown	7.39		18.64				35.13	30.18	22.24	113.58	1,666.46
31. White Oak	Mrs. Evelyn R. Bryan, White Oak	410.14	100.00	30.50				100.00	100.00	26.25	766.89	8,201.45
32. Zion Hill	Kendrick Hester, Rt. 2, Bladenboro	160.87	100.00	46.00	25.85	41.17	67.72	265.73	93.10	124.30	924.76	2,754.87
Totals		$10,442.58	$2,075.25	$1,428.23	$1,655.64	$4,162.59	$ 816.65	$7,342.18	$1,992.08	$1,614.11	$31,564.38	$181,663.35

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First Bapist Church Bladenboro

October 13, 1955 at

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Including the Fifth Sunday Sessions

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October 17, 1956 at
LISBON BAPTIST CHURCH

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CENTER ROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

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ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

Officers

	Church
Moderator—John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	First
Vice-Moderator—Rufus A. Britt, Bladenboro	First
Clerk-Treasurer—Thomas Carroll, Dublin	Dublin
Supt. of Sunday School—Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Training Union Dir.—Sidney Britt, Bladenboro	First
Brotherhood President—N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown
Supt. W. M. U.—Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Dublin	Dublin
Historian—Mark Owen, Route 2, Bladenboro	Shady Grove and Whites Creek

Committees of The Executive Committee for October 1, 1955 - September 30, 1956

PROGRAM		
Chairman—	R. A. Britt	First, Bladenboro
	N. H. Thompson	Elizabethtown
	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel	First, Dublin
	S. D. Britt	First, Bladenboro
	Ballard Carroll	Bethel
	N. B. Ellis	Clarkton
	T. H. Lambert	Bethel
	E. B. Graham	Riverside
MISSIONS		
Chairman—	John H. McCrimmon	First, Bladenboro
	Mark Owens	Shady Grove
	Thomas Tobey	Clarkton
	Simon Gurganious	Beard's Chapel
	Mrs. Bertha Smith	Lagoon
FINANCE		
Chairman—	Thomas Carroll	Bethel
	Theron Pait	Zion Hill
	Mrs. Martin Wilson	Love Grovt
	L. L. Barnes	Beard's Chapel
	Gaston Hester	Sandy Grove
EVANGELISM		
Chairman—	Dean L. Minton	Elizabethtown
	Joe A. Campbell	West Bladenboro
	Z. G. Ray	Tobermory
	Mrs. Frink Freeman	Galeed
	Irwin Phillips	Lisbon

Associational Missionary

Mrs. R. J. Hall, Bladenboro — First

W. M. U. Officers

Superintendent—	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Dublin	Dublin First
Assoc. Supt.—	Mrs. Mark Owens, Route 2, Bladenboro	Shady Grove and Whites Creek

Youth Director—Mrs. C. A. Priest, Council, Route 1 ..... Lisbon
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Beulah Collier, Clarkton ..... Whites Creek
Stewardship Chairman—Mrs Pauline Bullard,
Bladenboro, ... Bladenboro First
Mission Study Chairman—Mrs. N. B. Ellis, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Community Mission Chairman—Mrs. John H. McCrimmon,
Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Literature Chairman—Miss Thetis McLean, Council ..... Council
Margaret Fund—Mrs. Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown .... Elizabethtown
Carver School Chairman—Mrs. R. L. Edwards, Dublin ..... Dublin First
Y. W. A. Leader—Mrs. W. J. King, Dublin ..... Dublin First
Int. G. A. Leader—Mrs. Frink Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Jr. G. A. Leader—Mrs. Boyd Hammer, Elizabethtown .... Elizabethtown
Sunbeam Leader—Mrs. Woodrow Fussell, Bladenboro..Bladenboro First
R. A. Leader—Mrs. Theron Pait, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill
White Cross Chairman—Mrs. A. R. Townsend, Clarkton .... Whites Creek

Sunday School Officers

Superintendent—Rev. Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown .... Elizabethtown
Supt. Training—Rev. J. H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro .... Bladenboro First
Supt. Enlargement-Evangelism—Rev. Z. G. Ray,
Elizabethtown ..... Tobemory
Supt. Vacation Bible Schools—Mrs. Leon D. Smith,
Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Clarence Cain, Elizabethtown .. Elizabethtown
Chorister—Mrs. Z. G. Ray, Elizabethtown ..... Tobemory
Pianist—Mr. Nash Singletary, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
DEPARTMENTAL SUPERINTENDENTS:
Extension—B. O. Ward, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Adult—Rev. Vance Tyson, Route 4, Whiteville ..... North Side
Young People—Mrs. Harold Hood, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
Intermediate—Thomas Carroll, Dublin ..... Bethel
Junior—Mrs. Alden Singletary, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
Primary—Mrs. Dan Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Beginner—Mrs. Leston Thompson, Route 2, Bladenboro .... Shady Grove
Nursery—Mrs. Lacy Meggs, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Cradle Roll—Mrs. Horace Taylor, Bladenboro ..... Center Road

GROUP LEADERS:
Group I: Mr. Hal Kelly, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Group II: Mrs. Marcus Freeman, Council ..... Lisbon
Group III: Mrs. Clyde Jordan, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Group IV: Rev. T. H. Lambert, Dublin ..... Bethel
Group V: Mr. Willard Hardison, Elizabethtown .....Briar Branch

Training Union Officers

Director: Sidney Britt, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Assoc. Director: Rev. Thomas Tobey, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Chorister: Rev. Thomas Tobey, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Pianist: Mrs. Edgar Priest, Route 1, Tar Heel ..... Bethel
Secretary-Treasurer: Mrs. John E. Elam, Bladenboro .... Bladenboro First
Pastor Advisor: Rev. Joe A. Campbell, Bladenboro .... West Bladenboro

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERS:
Adult: Mrs. Mabel Atkinson, Elizabethtown ..... White Lake
Young People: Mrs. Thomas Tobey, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Intermediate: Mrs. Brooks Little, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Junior: Mrs. Theron Pait, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill
Primary: Mrs. R. A. Britt, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Beginners: Mrs. Purdie Bullard, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Abbottsburg
Nursery: Mrs. John E. Elam, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First

Group Directors: I—Mr. John E. Elam, Bladenboro .. Bladenboro First
II—Mr. Leston Thompson, Bladenboro .. Shady Grove
III—
IV—Mr. Edgar Priest, Tar Heel ..... Bethel
V—Mrs. J. P. Simmons, Route 5,
Fayetteville, ... Suggs Grove
(There is not a leader for Group III)

Brotherhood Officer

President—N. H. Thompson, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown

Baptist Institutions

There is no State or Southwide Baptist Institutions, Board or Agency located in Bladen Association.

Calendar of Activities

The Association does not adopt a Calendar of Activities, but the churches use one covering the calendar year that is published and distributed by the Associational Missionary.

MESSENGERS TO THE ANNUAL SESSION

ABBOTTSBURG: Mrs. J. T. Averitte, Harold Hood, Mrs. Harold Hood, Mrs. Willie Gibson, Mrs. M. L. Walters, Mrs. Purdie Bullard, three visitors and pastor, J. A. Campbell.

BEARD'S CHAPEL: Daniel Johnson, B. C. Barnes, Mrs. B. C. Barnes and pastor, Everett L. Anderson, Mrs. L. M. Barnes.

BETHEL: Thomas Carroll, Mrs. Thomas Carroll, Jeff Carroll, Mrs. Jeff Carroll, E. W. Woodell, Mrs. E. W. Woodell, Reuben Smith, two visitors and Pastor, T. H. Lambert.

BLADENBORO FIRST: Mrs. R. C. Bridger, Sr., Sidney Britt, H. J. White, Sr., B. G. Walters, Mrs. B. G. Walters, Mrs. L. A. Bridger, Mrs. Lloyd Elkins, 25 visitors and pastor, John H. McCrimmon, B. O. Ward.

BRIAR BRANCH: L. F. Jones, Pastor, L. L. Parnes.

BUTTERS: Pastor, Gaston Hester, Ross Edwards, Henry Sykes and Mrs. Henry Sykes.

CALVARY: Mrs. W. B. Warner, Mrs. J. E. Williams, and pastor, Frank Williams, Jr.

CENTER ROADS: H. B. Bennett, pastor, J. L. Hester, S. G. Taylor, and six visitors.

CLARKTON: Mrs. N. B. Ellis, Mrs. Bessie Nicholson, Tom Priest, Mrs. Thomas Tobey, Mrs. H. E. White, three visitors and pastor, Thomas Tobey.

COUNCIL: Simeon McLean, Mrs. Simeon McLean and pastor, Marshall Weaver and five visitors.

CYPRESS CREEK: Mrs. M. J. Davis, Arthur G. Smith, Mrs. A. G. Smith.

DUBLIN: Craven Bordeaux, Marvin Brisson, Roy Britt, O. P. Hill, and four visitors.

ELIZABETHTOWN: Mrs. Milton Fisher, N. H. Thompson, W. W. Woodhouse, Mrs. W. F. Williamson, D. A. Harris, nine visitors and pastor, Dean L. Minton.

GALEED: Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Spurgeon Frink, Mrs. Frances Kelly, Miss Geneva Lennon, Mrs. L. B. Lennon, Mrs. James Merritt, and pastor, M. J. Davis, three visitors.

HICKORY GROVE: Roy Hester, Fred T. Nance, W. K. Singletary, 35 visitors.

LISBON: J. D. Griffin, Mrs. J. D. Griffin, S. W. Phillips, Mrs. Ellen Watson, three visitors.

LOVE GROVE: R. L. Grimes, Alden Singletary, Mrs. Alden Singletary, 3 visitors.

NAT MOORE: Mrs. Eunice Squires.

NEW CENTER: Mrs. Gordon Bass, Mrs. Dock Carter, Mrs. Leamon Duncan.

NORTHSIDE: W. B. Hester, pastor, Vance Tyson.

RICHARDSON: I. W. Davis, Mrs. Will Davis, Mrs. Richard Sessoms, Elery Singletary, Mrs. Charles H. Spence, two visitors, and Mrs. Stanley Davis.

RIVERSIDE: E. B. Graham, Mrs. E. B. Graham.

SANDY GROVE: C. J. Dove, Mrs. Thad Price, pastor, Gaston Hester.

SHADY GROVE: Mark Owens, pastor, Mrs. Wonnie Perkins, Mrs. Della Santee, Mrs. I. L. Thompson, Miss Lossie Thompson, Eugene Packer.

SUGGS GROVE: Rev. L. L. Todd, pastor, Mrs. B. B. Edge, Mrs. J. P. Simmons, M. K. Edge.

TOBERMORY: Nick L. Baker, Mrs. Nick L. Baker.

WEST BLADENBORO: Acie Cain, Gaston Hester.

WHITES CREEK: Mrs. Bennie Hayes, A. R. Townsend, Mrs. A. R. Townsend, two visitors.

WHITE LAKE: Mrs. J. C. McClure, Mrs. Arnold Melvin and one visitor, Mrs. Guy Atkinson.

WHITE OAK: Joel Johnson, pastor, E. M. Tatum, P. G. Cain, Mrs. Cecil McClure, Mrs. Albert Bryan, two visitors.

ZION HILL: Mrs. Kate Davis, Mrs. Ila Britt, Mrs. Iivie Hester, three visitors.

FRATERNAL MESSENGERS AND PROGRAM PERSONALITIES: Duane W. Amburn, Campbell College; L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder; Claude F. Gaddy, Christian Education; Dr. W. K. McKee, Baptist Hospital, John T. Biddle, Associational Missionary Columbus County; Mrs. John T. Biddle; Prof. R. L. Newton, Wake Forest; Mrs. R. L. Newton; W. C. Reed, Mills Home; E. C. Reeves, Robeson Association; Charles Smith, Bethune, S. C.

The registration reveals 17 pastors, 126 messengers, 91 visitors, 11 fraternal messengers, for a total registration of 245.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I—NAME AND OBJECT

Section 1. This body shall be known as the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section 2. The object of this Association shall be to extend the privileges of the Gospel; to emphasize the responsibility of its membership in relation to Missions, Benevolences, Education, and in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention, to increase the intelligence and spiritual power of the people, and to promote harmony and fellowship among the churches.

ARTICLE 2—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of messengers annually elected by the affiliated churches, and all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of said churches, together with the officers of this Association.

Section 2. Each church of 11 members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers.

Section 3. Any church desiring affiliation with this Association shall be referred to a committee which shall examine its church covenant and articles of faith and receive its committment to this constitution. Upon a favorable report of this committee the church shall be received by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 3—ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

Section 1. Each church should send to the Clerk, seven days before the annual meeting of the Association, a letter, the blanks to be furnished by the Clerk of the Association, carefully filled out as per blank suggestions, reporting the full work of the church for the year ending with the last Sunday in September.

Section 2. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years shall be investigated by the officers of the Association and effort be made to reclaim.

ARTICLE 4—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Training Union Director, President of the Associational Brotherhood, Associational Superintendent of Woman's Missionary Union, and Historian.

Section 2. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian shall be nominated and elected from the floor of the Association. The Associational Sunday School Superintendent, the Training Union Director, the President of the Brotherhood, and Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union shall be nominated by the respective organizations which they represent, and shall be elected by the Association. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall not be eligible to succeed themselves. The other officers shall not be

eligible to succeed themselves after the third consecutive year. The offices of Clerk and Treasurer may be combined at the discretion of the Association.

Section 3. The Moderator shall preside over all the meetings of the body and see that order and decorum are observed by every member. He shall be ex-officio chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall be fraternal visitation counsellor and adviser with the churches regarding their work through the year.

Section 4. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of, or at the discretion of the Moderator.

Section 5. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body, mail blank letter forms to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the Association, prepare, publish and distribute the minutes as soon as practicable after adjournment.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the Association subject to its order and make written reports of same to each Association meeting.

ARTICLE 5—COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association and 15 other members to be nominated and elected by the Association at its annual session Seven of the 15 members shall be resident pastors and eight shall be lay members. The fifteen members shall be elected for three year terms, with five members retiring each year, and ineligible to succeed themselves. No church shall have more than one member on this committee, except in the case of officers of the Association. The Nominating Committee shall nominate and the Association shall elect the 15 members. Further, the Executive Committee shall divide itself into the following Committees:

a: Program Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan the program of the annual and quarterly meetings of the Association, and to select those who shall write the customary reports concerning the work of the agencies and institutions of our denomination. The Vice-Moderator shall be chairman.

b: Missions Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan and direct the Association's Missionary activities. The Moderator shall be chairman.

c: Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to plan the financial program of the Association, and shall make an annual financial statement, and shall recommend a financial program for the following associational year. The Treasurer shall be chairman.

d: Evangelism Committee, whose duty it shall be to promote soul winning through personal evangelism, mass evangelism, and simultaneous evangelism. The chairman shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Section 2. At least sixty days before the annual meeting of the Association the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nominating Committee, whose duty it shall be to nominate Associational Officers and Committees, except those definitely arranged for in other sections of this Constitution, for the following year; subject to the approval and election of the Association.

Section 3. At the meeting of the Association the Moderator shall appoint the following committees to report to the session at its convenience:

1. Committee on place and preacher.
2. Committee on resolutions.
3. Auditing committee.
4. Committee on petitionary letters (if needed).

Section 4. Other temporary committees that may be created by the Association shall be appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 6—AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided notice of the change be read to the Association during the first session of the annual meeting and voted on at a later session.

BY-LAWS

1. The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, and shall hold such quarterly inspirational meetings as it may decide.

2. All sessions of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service and closed with a prayer.

3. Representatives from 10 of the affiliated churches shall constitute a quorum.

4. The order of business shall be made at the beginning of each session, and shall be changed only by a vote of the body

5. Corresponding messengers and visiting brethren shall be invited to seats with the privilege of speaking, but not of voting.

6. A copy of the minutes shall be sent to each corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board, secretary of survey and statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

7. The rules of order for the Association shall be those laid down in Kerfoot's "Parliamentary Law", but in cases where the meaning may not be clear the Moderator shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Association.

8. The By-laws may be changed at any session by a majority vote of the members present.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY SESSIONS
WHITE OAK — January 30, 1955

1. The session opened with the congregation singing "Throw Out The Life Line", being led by F. L. Tatum.
2. Rev. J. S. Johnson, pastor of the host church, led the opening devotion.
3. W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown, brought the message from the Sunday School Lesson "Man's Nature and Need".
4. The Moderator called the roll of the churches and found 27 churches represented.
5. The Moderator appointed P. G. Cain, Harold Hood and N. H. Thompson as the Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Fifth Sunday Meeting.
6. Harold Hood, Chairman of the Pittman Road Mission Committee, reported the progress of the work being done there.
7. The messengers joined in singing "Jesus Saves".
8. The regular morning offering of White Oak Church was received.
9. Special Music was given by White Oak Church.
10. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, made announcements and a short talk on the Enlargement Program.
11. Rev. M. J. Davis, Pastor of Galeed and Zion Hill Churches, conducted the service of worship. He read from Joshua 13:1 and brought a strong mesage on "Evangelism in the Local Church". He then led the benediction prayer, prior to the noon recess.
12. The afternoon session began with the Moderator expressing thanks to the host church for the bountiful lunch and Christian fellowship.
13. The congregation joined in singing "Let Others See Jesus In You".
14. The afternoon devotion period was led by Rev. J. M. Weaver, Pastor of Council Church.
15. P. G. Cain announced the recommendation of the Place and Preacher Committee, that the next meeting go to Elizabethtown on May 29, 1955, and that the program committee select the preacher. The motion carried.
16. The Moderator recognized the pastors, there being 10 present. Rev. Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown, made a report on the Seminary Extension Center which was unanimously approved by the messengers. Rev. Mark Owen, Shady Grove and Whites Creek, made several Training Union announcements. N. H. Thompson distributed Brotherhood literature.
17. Special Music was presented by Bladenboro First Youth Choir.
18. The Moderator then introduced Dr. J. C. Canipe, State Secretary of Evangelism who brought a very inspiring message on "Winning the Lost In the Local Church".
19. The messengers joined in singing "Rescue the Perishing"; after which the Fifth Sunday Session adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Earl Hales.

ELIZABETHTOWN — May 29th, 1955

1. The session was called to order by Moderator Leon D. Smith.
2. Rev. D. L. Minton, pastor of the host Church, led the opening devotional service in seeking God's will through Scripture and prayer.
3. The messengers joined in singing "Our Best".
4. The Moderator appointed Rev. Z. G. Ray, W. S. Melvin and N. H. Thompson to serve as the Committee on Place and Preacher. Also he made a short talk on the Pittman road Mission and announced that it would be open for discussion at the afternoon business session.
5. The congregation sang "Shall We Gather At The River".
6. W. W. Woodhouse, of the Elizabethtown Church, taught the Sunday School lesson on "Hezekiah Meets A Crisis".
7. The Moderator called the roll of the Churches and found messengers from 28 churches represented.
8. It was pointed out that the theme for this session is "Youth Listening and Heeding" and that Christians should point the way to Christ. J. W. Black, Superintendent of Bladenboro Schools, brought a very timely message on "Youth and Education".
9. The regular morning offering of Elizabethtown Church was received.
10. The messengers joined in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy"; after which the Youth Choir from Riverside Church brought a special service in music.
11. Rev. Joe A. Campbell, pastor of the West Bladenboro and Abbottsburg Churches, conducted the morning worship service. He took as his text "In The Lord" and stressed Christian Fellowship. After the benediction lunch was served by the host Church.
12. As the afternoon session began the Moderator expressed thanks to the host Church for the gracious hospitality of the noon hour.
13. All then joined in singing "Give of Your Best to the Master".
14. The afternoon devotional service was led by Rev. M. J. Davis, pastor of the Galeed and Zion Hill Churches.
15. A special Message in Music was brought by the combined Galeed-Zion Hill Youth Choirs.
16. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Associational Missionary, conducted the program on "Volunteers For Christian Service", recognizing Morris Edwards, Sue Moore, George Lytton and Gerald Yarborough, and explained that there were a number of others in the Association.
17. Rev. Wade Fowler, of the Love Grove Church, one of our newest pastors brought a message on "Youth and the Call of the Foreign Fields".
18. Dr. C. E. Bridger, Bladenboro First Church, discussed "Youth and Special Training" in a strong and stirring message to get right with God.
19. At the business session Mrs. Leola G. McDaniel was elected to serve as Clerk. The Moderator recognized the pastors. The Committee on Place and Preacher recommended that the July Fifth Sunday Session be cancelled which was approved by the messengers. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Mrs. Clara B. Wall and Rev. R. A. Britt further emphasized the needs of the Pittman Road Mission, after which the session was adjourned with prayer led by Rev. Earl Hales of the Lagoon Church.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION — Bladenboro First Baptist Church

1. Moderator Leon D. Smith called the sixty-fourth session of the Bladen Baptist Association to order at Bladenboro First Baptist Church at 9:30 a. m. on October 12, 1955.
2. Congregation joined in singing "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord", led by E. B. Graham, Chorister for the day.
3. John H. McCrimmon, pastor of the host church spoke words of welcome and led the opening devotion, reading from Luke's Gospel and leading in prayer.
4. Leon D. Smith moved that the messengers now register and such as shall register during the session constitute the working body of the Association.
5. Moderator Leon D. Smith recognized the new pastors who have come into the Association since the last session: Joe A. Campbell, J. Wade Fowler, Earl Hales, Thomas Tobey, Jennings McLamb and Frank Williams, Jr.
6. The moderator appointed the following committees: Time and Place: M. J. Davis, Harold Hood and Sidney Britt. Audit Committee: P. G. Cain, S. A. Bedsole and N. H. Thompson.
7. Congregation joined in singing "Beneath the Cross of Jesus".
8. W. W. Woodhouse gave the report on Baptist Orphanage. After its adoption Mr. W. W. Woodhouse presented Mr. W. C. Reed, Supt. Mills Home, who made an address on our Orphanage work.
9. Report on Relief and Annuity was given by H. B. Bennett. The report was adopted.
10. The Association sang "More Love to Thee".
11. Report of the treasurer, M. K. Edge, was read by Porter G. Cain. This report was adopted.
12. Budget for 1955-56 was also read and adopted.
13. Scripture was read by Joe A. Campbell from Matt. 6, 24-34.
14. Dean L. Minton lead the Association in worship, delivering the Annual Sermon.
15. The congregation sang "Glory to His Name" and was dismissed for the noon recess by Dean L. Minton.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

16. The afternoon session convened with the singing of "When We Walk With The Lord".
17. Moderator, Leon D. Smith expressed the appreciation of the Association for the excellent entertainment.
18. Devotional services were led by Gaston Hester, reading Joshua 7: 19-26.
19. John H. McCrimmon led in a very impressive Memorial Service. He read the names and Mrs. J. H. McCrimmon placed a flower for each name of our beloved dead, on a spray.
20. Frank Little gave the report on Allied Church League. This report was adopted.
21. Report on Christian Education was made by Joel S. Johnson.

This report was adopted. Mr. Claude Gaddy spoke on this report and introduced Duane W. Amburn, Campbell College and Robert L. Newton, Wake Forest, who brought greetings from the colleges.

22. Mrs W. R. Elmore gave the report on American Bible Society. The report was adopted.
23. Greetings from Rev. and Mrs. John A. Moore, Durham, were read by Moderator, Leon D. Smith.
24. Mrs. R. J. Hall, Association Missionary, explained the music program and a motion was made to have a music Revival next year. This motion was approved.
25. Mr. N. H. Thompson made the Audit Report, which was adopted.
26. Mr. Sidney Britt gave the report of the Committee on Place and Preacher: Fifth Sunday Session in January to go to Abbottsburg and H. B. Bennett to preach the sermon. Fifth Sunday Session in April to go to Whites Creek and L. L. Todd to preach the sermon. Fifth Sunday Session in July to go to Suggs Grove and M. J. Davis to preach the sermon. First day next year to go to Lisbon and Jennings McLamb to preach the sermon; second day to go to Center Roads and Vance Tyson to preach the sermon. The report was adopted.
27. Leon D. Smith explained the Pittman Road Project and announced that offerings were coming in. Rufus Britt further explained this project and made an urgent request that all churches send in their monies.
28. Report of the Nominating Committee prepared by the committee was read by Mrs. R. J. Hall. This report was adopted Then Nominations were made from the floor for the following persons: Moderator, John H. McCrimmon and Rufus Britt. John H. McCrimmon was elected. Rufus Britt was nominated for Vice-Moderator. Elected unanimously. Thomas Carroll was nominated for Clerk-Treasurer. He was elected without opposition. Mark Owen was nominated for Historian and he was elected unanimously.
29. After announcements the Wednesday Session closed by prayer offered by John H. McCrimmon.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION — Hickory Grove

1. Moderator Leon D. Smith called the Association to order at Hickory Grove Baptist Church at 9:30 a. m.
2. The messengers joined in singing "We Have A Story To Tell".
3. M. J. Davis, pastor of the Zion Hill and Galeed churches led the opening devotional services, reading First Chronicles 24 ch., 44V. and 28 Ch. of First Chronicles, and led in prayer.
4. L. L. Barnes gave the report on State Missions. This report was adopted.
5. Report on Christian Publications prepared by Marshall Weaver was read by the Moderator. The report was adopted. L. L. Carpenter, Biblical Recorder, spoke on this report and stressed the importance of the Biblical Recorder being in every home.
6. E. L. Anderson presented the Hospital Report. The Report was adopted. W. K. McGee spoke to the Association on the good work

of our Baptist Hospital.

7. The Congregation sang "Am I Soldier of the Cross".
8. N. H. Thompson gave the Brotherhood Report. The Report was adopted.
9. Reports on Royal Ambassadors were read by Thomas Tobey and M. J. Davis. These reports were adopted.
10. B. O. Ward gave the report on Sunday Schools. The report was adopted.
11. Moderator read the Training Union Report in the absence of Mark Owen. This report was adopted.
12. The messengers stood and sang; "Take My Life and Let It Be".
13. T. H. Lambert, host pastor, was presented to conduct the service of worship. Rufus Britt read the Scripture.
14. Dean L. Minton dismissed the Association for the noon recess with prayer.

Thursday Afternoon Session

15. The Afternoon Session convened with the singing of "O Zion Haste".
16. The moderator expressed the appreciation of the Association to the people at Hickory Grove for their hospitality, the noon meal, the flowers and all that has made the day so pleasant to all.
17. Devotional service was conducted by Rufus A.Britt with Scripture and prayer.
18. W. W. Woodhouse gave the report on the Home for the Aging in the absence of J. B. Bennett. J. M. Hayes. Superintendent of the home, came to the platform to speak to the report, after the adoption of the report.
19. Thomas Tobey gave the report on Civic Righteousness. This report was adopted.
20. Congregation joined in singing "Something for Jesus".
21. Business: Recoginition of New Moderator.
22. Mrs. D. J. McDaniel gave the report on Woman's Missionary Union. The Report was adopted.
23. Mrs. R. J. Hall gave the report on Associational Missions. The report was adopted.
24. The report on Home Missions was called for and in the absence of Mrs. Milton Fisher the report was read by Mrs. W. F. Williamson. The report was adopted.
25. The report on Foreign Missions was called for and in the absence of Vance T. Tyson, the report he had prepared was read by the Moderator. The report was adopted.
26. Rev. F. W. Naylor was introduced to bring the Missionary Message.
27. Business: Rufus A. Britt made a motion that this sixty-fourth session of the Bladen Baptist Association dedicate the minutes of the session to Brother W. W. Woodhouse and Brother Seth Lewis, for their loyalty, service and guidance to the Baptist Churches of this Association. This motion carried.
28. Rufus A. Britt moved that Thomas Tobey replace John A. Moore on the Pittman Road Committee. The motion carried.

29. Music Committee will be appointed later in a Fifth Sunday Session of the Bladen Baptist Association.
30. The sixty-fourth session of Bladen Baptist Association adjourned with prayer led by Thomas Tobey, to meet with the Lisbon Baptist Church on October 17, 1956.

REPORTS

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Our Baptist Orphanage has enjoyed a successful year, caring for more than 700 children in the two divisions of the Orphanage, and giving services to and helping in the placement of more than 600 others. With some new buildings made possible through the generosity of individuals and with the early completion of the church building at the Kennedy Home there are now adequate facilities for worship and play for the children who are inmates. However there are many more applications for placement than there is room for.

Although there is no substitute for a good Christian home as a place for children to grow to maturity, our orphanage is doing their best for the full development of Christian character in the children under their care. This is shown by the fine spirit of the children and the excellent record in health. The new church soon to be completed at the Kennedy Home is considered one of the most beautiful in the state and will add much to the spiritual training of the children there.

The weekly message from the Orphanage is now carried to more than 47 thousand homes by Charity and Children, the Orphanage publication. The price is 60c per year in clubs of 10 or more and every Sunday school should have a club to keep abreast of the news from the Homes, as well as general news of denominational interest.

Beginning with January 1st., 1955 The Convention voted for the Orphanage to come into the Cooperative Program, from which it is to receive "That part of its support not otherwise provided for." Most churches continue to send the once-a-month offering as in the past although some now put the Orphanage in the Cooperative Budget. Under this new plan the Thanksgiving offering becomes more important than ever before. On this offering depends future expansion of our Child Care program. Pastors and associational Orphanage representatives should urge every church and Sunday school to make a worthy "Thank Offering" this year. Our effectiveness as Christians and Baptists will be measured largely in terms of the care, the training, and the religious attitudes we give these children who cannot possibly care for themselves. Baptists of North Carolina have been pioneers in this kind of ministry to the homeless and the helpless, and we must continue, and increase, our work and efforts to stand between these little ones and wasted lives. We cannot afford to fail.

Respectfully submitted.
W. W. Woodhouse

RELIEF AND ANNUITY

We would like to call all ministers attention to our Minister's retirement plan. It is very simple. The Pastor pays 4 percent of his salary,

and the church matches that. Then the convention is obligated to add enough to that to make it secure.

It carries a disability benefit up to five hundred dollars a year. We are now planning to increase this to a maximum of nine hundred dollars a year.

Beginning in 1956 the annuity will be fifty percent of the average salary upon which a member has participated, provided he participated on the full 4 percent basis from the time he was eligible to participate. If payments are made only over a partial period of the time a member is eligible, then the retirement annuity is reduced accordingly.

When a man reaches retirement age, sixty-five, he is elligible for retirement. Any time he reaches that age his widow (wife) is entitled to receive one half of what he may be receiving, or is entitled to receive in the event he does not wish to retire at sixty-five.

Every church should enter the plan and urge its pastor to enroll without delay.

There are already a goodly number receiving annuities under the Minister's Retirement Plan. Including those with retirement annuities, disability annuities, and the widows of former members there are now some one hundred on the list.

There are many calls for help from the Relief and Annuity Board. Many pastors who were in service before the Plan was started are now calling for help from relief funds. In addition to this many who are eligible have failed to join and now are aged, and calling for help from the relief board. For the year 1953 it was necessary for our Convention to make a special appropriation of more than $5,000.00 in order to take care of the amount spent in North Carolina for this purpose, that is over and above the amount received from North Carolina that could be used for that purpose.

There is also a social security plan for ministers, however, it does not take the place of retirement annuity. The wise pastor will have both.

Respectfully submitted,
H. B. Bennett

THE ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE

We have in North Carolina a very important organization called The Allied Church League which is working for the abolition of beverage alcohol and for good government. This is not a Baptist organization but is composed of about ten of our leading denominations including we Baptists. This organization has been operating about twelve years. Its purpose is to do everything possible to fight the evils of beverage alchol and to promote sobriety temperance and total abstinence in the lives of our people. It also tries to help in every way possible to build good government characterized by right living and decency.

At a regular meeting held in the first Baptist church Greensboro September 1, it was revealed that the league is rendering very important service, but it is suffering from lack of financial and moral support from our people. It is supported by gifts from the denominations and a good many individuals who make special gifts. Our Baptist State Convention contributes a total of $12,500 per year, which includes a sum of $2,000 devoted to a program for good government. The Methodists give $6,500 per year, and several other denominations give smaller

amounts. The Presbyterians did give $1,500 per year but this has been withdrawn and as far as we know they do not give anything now.

We are convinced that there has never been a greater opportunity for real service along the lines of temperance abstinence and other parts of the work, and yet at this time the financial and the moral suport seems to be weakening. This ought to be a challenge to all we Baptists who are interested in keeping our people sober, and to come to the help of the league so it may do greater work. The wet interests of our state are spending not less than $1.50 per person per year in North Carolina for the support of the wet cause,while church people spend about one and one-half cents per person through Allied Church League to combat the evil. This picture should be changed. Let us God fearing church people rise to meet the issue.

The state president of the league is pastor A. L. Parker of the Asheboro Street Baptist church in Greensboro. Director is R. M. Hauss of Shelby. Associate director W. P. Biggerstaff of Raleigh. M. A. Huggins is treasurer and one of the leading spirits in the movement.

I had thought of trying to bring you a report of some of the things we learned at the school, but time will not permit. If you are interested in this I want to urge you to attend our next meeting which is scheduled to be at Lisbon Baptist church Monday night after the second Sunday in November. Rev. W. R. Garrard pastor of Carver's Creek Methodist Church will present a report for us.

We are often asked why don't we give up since almost every move we make is blocked by the alcohol interest. We wish you would carefully consider what would happen if we give up this fight.

People sometimes get the mistaken idea that since they personally do not drink it is no problem of theirs. If one were stranded alone on an island this might be true, but since we are daily in contact with other people this problem effects us all in many ways.

Now a few words about our local unit of the league. Our meetings are held once per month in some church in the county. The president at this time is your reporter. The vice presidents, we have two, are Mr. Sidney Britt of Bladenboro and Mr. W. O. McCommas of Elizabethtown. Secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Roberson of Dublin. We have an executive committee headed by Mr. Jimmie Gooden of Elizabethtown. Then we have an advisory committee of about twenty five members from different places in the county.

In our monthly meetings we have entertainment by outstanding gospel singers, an address usually by some pastor within the county. We have had lately two speakers from outside the county, they were Rev. John A. Poe of Lumberton and our own state worker Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff of Raleigh.

We are now planning if we can get co-operation of our high school officials to sponsor a public speaking contest of high school pupils both boys and girls using as a subject something like, "It is smart not to drink, or why folks should not drink", or some similar subject. We would as the league offer three or four prizes for the best speakers. We would like to have one or two from each high school to speak at a county wide meeting. We think this contest will help the cause in many ways. We would appreciate your help to put it over in a big way.

As a final word let me give you our little motto which we think

ought to be impressed on the minds of all the young people and children of our Baptist Sunday Schools:

If you would not be a drunkard never drink a drop
If you never once begin you will never have to stop.

H. F. Little

INFORMATION AND OBSERVATIONS ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN 1955

Why do Baptists consider it necessary to operate theological seminaries and colleges? Throughout their history they have supported these colleges and seminaries along with their orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aging, state missions activities, home missions and foreign missions; and it is perfectly reasonable for us to pause from time to time and demand that we answer these questions about what we are doing.

As Southern Baptists we seem to believe that there is an ever-growing need for increasing the number and enlarging the present theological seminaries for the training of ministers of the gospel and other full-time Christian workers. In addition to our five Southern Baptist theological seminaries, we aid the American Baptist Seminary for Negroes in Nashville, Tennessee, and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. These seven institutions had a total enrollbent of 5,782 young people last year studying for various phases of full-time Christian service, including 3,826 ministers and 810 mission volunteers.

Southern Baptists in this Convention year 1955 propose to give to these seven seminaries a total of $3,095,225.96 from their Cooperative Program funds for an average of $535 per student. These funds will be used for both operating the seminaries and providing new buildings and other capital improvements. At the present time there is a special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention considering the advisability of adding one or more new seminaries, and maybe Bible institutes. This investment in seminary training for these young people represents almost 26 cents out of every Cooperative Program dollar made available for our Southern Baptist Convention work. This seems to be a very positive statement that Southern Baptists believe it important to make available such facilities for their leaders.

Behind the Southwide program, with the support and under the control of the various Baptist State Conventions in our Southern Convention territory, there are in operation 30 senior colleges, 21 junior colleges, eight academies and four Bible schools, with a total enrollment last college year of 53,457 students. Of these 53,457 college students, 6,628 are ministerial students and 2,011 are mission volunteers.

Here in North Carolina, in addition to the Southeastern Seminary on the Wake Forest College campus, we have seven Baptist colleges with a total enrollment of approximately 6,000 young people, 750 of whom are training for the ministry and full-time mission service. Unfortunately, North Carolina Baptists are not providing as much financial assistance for the young man or young woman enrolled in one of these colleges as Southern Baptists provide for the seminary students. In fact, in this year 1955 our Cooperative Program budget is expected to provide

$945,146.00, or an average of a little mre than $150 per student for both operating and capital purposes in our seven North Carolina Baptist colleges. With the success of our Nine-Year Program of Advance these colleges will continue to receive increased amounts to enable them to do more effectively what Baptists expect them to do.

These seven colleges in North Carolina are: Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Wingate and Chowan. Wake Forest will be moved to Winston-Salem in June, 1956, and the Southeastern Seminary will then take over all the property of the campus at Wake Forest, N. C. All of these seven colleges are in building and expansion programs, trying to provide for the ever increasing number of students wanting to attend Baptist colleges. Certainly as Baptists we are now facing our greatest opportunities in the work of Christian education.

In the light of this general statistical and financial information about our colleges and seminaries, let us return to the question, Why do Baptists provide seminaries and colleges for the training of their leaders? Answers to this question are many and varied. Perhaps the most reasonable answer is to be found in that basic Baptist principle of the competency of the individual to seek and to know the will of God for his life. We believe that God's will for man's life will be revealed in a study and understanding of the Bible, and we believe that Christian education will help one to find the truth in God's Word.

People no longer question the need for knowledge and true education. The present demands of our world make education a necessity. We observe the fruits of Christian education in our best homes. The best churches are those which seek trained men and women for leadership. Our denominational activities in all departments are dependent upon trained men and women. Our Foreign Mission Board insists that only those young men and young women who have had college and seminary training can be considered prepared to carry the gospel message to the world. Our missionaries on the foreign fields tell us how inadequate they find themselves to compete with the knowledge of the leaders of other religions and philosophies of life. God has said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," and Baptists believe that Christian education is a vital part of all that they undertake to accomplish.

As Missionary Baptists we find our true measure in our willingness to forget self for the carrying of the gospel to the ends of the earth. What we do in our homes and in our local churches is basic and necessary, but the fullest expression of a living Christ in us is to be found in our willingness to do for others and ultimately to die, if needs be, that others may live. Christian education, to be true, must enable us to attain to the fullest this goal of Christian living.

For these and many other reasons Baptists support their colleges and seminaries with their young people and in their stewardship of money.

Joel S. Johnson

THE WORK OF THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

WHAT IT IS—

The American Bible Society has as its single, simple purpose to encourage the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note and

comment and without purpose of profit to every man on earth in whatever language he may require.

WHAT IT DOES—

The American Bible Society's supreme concern is to get the Bible into the hands of those who do not have it and to do so in a manner to secure serious interest and a receptive mind.

The processes are four:

1. Translation — It constantly aids translators by counsel, supervision and contributions towards expense. Translation projects are going on almost continuously on every continent and the Islands of the Sea.
2. Publication — Long experience together with skillful and constant supervision result in the publication of readable Scripture at low cost. In a recent year printing orders reached 16,000,000 volumes of Gospels, Testaments and Bibles.
3. Distribution — Supervised by its offices and agencies, the society's own staff of colporteurs distributed hundreds of thousands of scriptures, many more go out through Christian workers, Missionaries, Pastors and Evangelists. Such work is made possible for many of these by small allowances from the Society toward expenses. There are thousands of volunteer helpers. The principal method is that of sale. The distributor often must testify to the book, to bring about the sale. Most of the people of the world are too poor to buy even at wholesale cost. Therefore, prices on all Scripture are fixed at wholesale cost and on millions of copies at less than wholesale. English Gospels may be had for 2c and 5c. New Testaments at 15c, Bibles for 75c. Scriptures for the blind that cost from $2.00 to $8.00 a volume are sold to the blind at 25c a volume.
4. Promotion of Bible Use — By encouragement of use of the Scripture, the society seeks to accomplish this purpose through the Annual World wide Bible reading program from Thanksgiving to Christmas, including observance of universal Bible study. The preparation and distribution of leaflets reading schedule and other materials.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. R. Elmore

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

There are 4,225,000 people in the state. About 2,000,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. If 25% of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then 62½% of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being half Christian. Here is our urgent challenge.

The above interpretation of the purpose and challenge of State Missions demand a varied program of mission activity.

Our people need to be taught and trained.

Therefore three of the most significant phases of our State Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church Departments. Already 2,200 Vacation Bible Schools have been reported for 1955, giving $29,000 to the Cooperative Program. Then we have Caswell, Fruitland, and Ridgecrest which offer summer training to many of our people.

Over 60% of the people in North Carolina are lost, and need a Savior. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism. North Carolina Baptist churches, during the crusade, Baptized more people than any other state except Texas.

A growing population demands new and stronger churches. State Missions, in the past year have provided approximately $110,000 to invest in this work. Other areas of need constantly challenge the resources of State Missions, Namely, the Allied Church League, The Silent People, The Department of Pastoral Care, and the Assemblies Fruitland and Caswell.

Our church and denominational leaders of tomorrow need to be taught and trained in cooperation and loyalty now. State Missions promotes a Baptist Student program among 20,000 sons and daughters from our Baptist homes who are attending the many colleges, universities, business and medical schools of our State. These young men and women make up our world of tomorrow.

Here are the sources of Support whereby State Missions can function. Cooperative Program $264,000. Sunday School Board $20,000. Home Missions Board $2,000. W. M. U. Week Of Prayer $75,000. Total $361,000.

Offering through Sunday Schools October 23, hoped for $89,000.

The State Missions budget to meet minimum needs is $450,000. The minimum goal for State Missions Day on October 23 is $89,000. Remember this day for Missionary Baptist churches in North Carolina is the oldest of our Mission emphases.

Therefore, will you as an individual and you as a church do your part so that the first part of The Great Commission might be obeyed, and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might be more Christian?

Respectfully Submitted,
L. L. Barnes

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1955 REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital fills an important place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. It will probably serve 50,000 patients this year, touching every area of our State.

In addition to this great host of sick people, our hospital provides an educational program for more than 450 young people who are in training to become nurses, doctors, technicians, pastors and other Christian workers.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian counseling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to the hospital from over the State for this purpose alone.

It is not easy to estimate the value of these and other services

rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous—more than two million dollars a year. One-half million dollars of this is spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service they need. We are grateful to God for the privilege of sharing in such a work, and we want to thank the Churches of our Association for their part in it.

The opportunities for Christian service and witness through our hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offerings and the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Everette L. Anderson

THE BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

A Brotherhood in a local Baptist Church is a group of men, preferably all the men in a Baptist Church seventeen years old and above, banded together for the purpose of promoting the Kingdom of Christ through the Church and Denomination. The Brotherhood seeks through fellowship, programs, vision and inspiration to love, lead and lift the men of a Baptist Church to a higher plane of Christian living. The Brotherhood seeks to utilize and conserve the man-power of the church for Christ.

We have five active Brotherhoods in the Bladen Baptist Association.

The full enlistment and utilization of the men for Christ is the greatest challenge facing the men of our Association. One might be so bold as to say that the work of our Churches and Denomination will progress in direct proportion to the number of men who are reached, challenged and utilized for the Master.

The most vital and fruitful periods in the history of the Christian Church have been those in which Laymen have most vividly realized and most earnestly sought to discharge their responsibility to strengthen the Christian faith.

N. H. Thompson

REPORT ON ROYAL AMBASSADOR WORK

We are indeed grateful for this opportunity to bring, possibly the first report on Royal Ambassador work to the Association's Annual meeting.

Royal Ambassador work was started by the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1908 as a missionary organization for boys nine years and up. This organization has two interests; Boys and Missions.

In number we have few chapters but we are making progress. We do appreciate the tender loving care the mother organization, the W. M. U., has given us through these years and will continue to give until the father organization, the Brotherhood, assumes its rightful place of leadership. Then will we joyfully say, "like father like son".

The boys we have, their interest we must secure, cultivate and re-

fine if they are to contribute their best toward building the Kingdom for Christ. We must help each boy to own this as his watch word, "We are Ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:20)".

When one of our fine young boys presents himself as a candidate for membership in one of our chapters he must know and understand the Scriptural requirements, the plan of salvation, for the Rank of Page. Many boys will accept Christ as personal Savior and guide for his life the time he has attained this rank. He then will joyfully be giving the Christian's part of the R. A.'s pledge of allegiance; "I assert my allegiance to Jesus Christ and my desire to live for him and serve him always. I will live pure, speak truth, right wrong, follow the Christ the King, else wherefore born?".

Ambassadors for Christ in tomorrow's world depends, to a great extent, on their training today. It definitely is up to me and to you to give our time, talents and whatever the needs of these our boys may be if we are to help them to be their best for Him.

Many excellent helps are available. Ambassador Life and other denominational magazines and Counselors Guides. Many are free.

Some of the coming events are: R. A. Counselors Leadership conference to be held with Zion Hill Baptist Church on October 28th. R. A. Focus Week is November 6-12. Recognize your boys, please. Bladen's 3rd Annual Associational R. A. Conclave to be held November 11th, with Clarkton Baptist Church. Come be our guest. We extend a hearty welcome.

Let us pray, using the R. A. Benediction and parting prayer. "O Christ, our King, whose Ambassadors we are, guide and direct us in thy service until we meet again.

Lord keep us clean and pure like Thee, while we are separated one from the other. Amen".

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Theron B. Pait,
Ass'n R. A. Counselor
Mr. James O. Hall, Associate

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

"A Workman that Needeth not to be Ashamed" is singularly the aim of each Sunday School member I feel sure. We have seen the interest in Sunday School work an all time high in the Bladen Association as a whole this year.

From the Cradle Roll through the Adult Department, we have noted a greater interest in trying to reach more people and trying to enlist them in Sunday School work. Christian people realize more and more that Sunday School is one of the greatest means of winning children and grown ups too, to the Kingdom of God, however, the task is not easy and it is up to us as Christians to work even harder than ever before to enlist more and more each year.

At the beginning of the 1955 Associational year, we had 5778 enrolled in Sunday School work. Today we have 6013 or a net gain of 235 over last year's enrollment. This is not as large a gain as we had in 1954, however, we are very grateful for this number. We have in the Association 32 Sunday Schools and 2 Missions — all very active.

We are proud to note that several churches have added additional

educational facilities or, are in the process of additions. This will greatly help to attract more people to our Sunday Schools.

One great need today is more and better trained teachers. This in my opinion will help us to increase our enrollment and attendance.

We have had regular meetings each month of the members of our Associational Sunday School Officers, to make plans and try to promote larger and better Sunday Schools.

A Vacation Bible School was held in each Sunday School. These were well attended with a total enrollment of 2394.

Our progress as a whole throughout the Association has been steady and we are deeply grateful. As the new year grows, may we be able to grow with it. buth in numbers and in wisdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard O. Ward

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION OF BLADEN ASSOCIATION

"A workman that needeth not to be ashamed" is singularly the aim of each Training Union member I feel sure. We have seen interest manifest in our individual Training Unions this year as well as our Associational program.

Twenty-five of our thirty-two churches now have organized Training Unions, with no reported "new organizations this year". We still have seven Churches in the association with no Training Union Program.

The Associational Training Union is organized with workers for each department. The Executive Committee has met quarterly, and the officers from all the churches were invited to take part in the Associational quarterly program of the Officers and Leaders Counsel. The Association at large has held the Mass meetings each quarter this year. It is the feeling of the executive committee, as well as their projected plan for the coming year, that the Officers and Leaders counsel meet in the individual groups twice a year. In this way it is our hope that greater efficiency and a closer fellowship within the local groups will be attained. This will call for more organization within the local groups, thereby giving a greater number of people Training Union work.

Due to extremely cold weather conditions last year, our "M" night attendance was far below what we hoped it would be. We met at the Elizabethtown High School Auditorium with an attendance of 325. The Reverend Dean L. Minton brought a challenging message.

Though the overall participation in the Training Union Tournaments this year was not as great as it should have been, we were gratified to be represented with four state winners in the Junior Memory work, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Theorn Pait. Our winners were from the Abbottsburg, Zion Hill, and Bladenboro First Churches.

Our fellowship supper this year, held at the Elizabethtown School Cafeteria, was a great success. This supper honored Group No. 2, representing Clarkton, Council, White's Creek, Shady Grove, Abbottsburg and Lisbon Churches.. These Churches represented the group having the largest attendance at the annual "M" night program this year. Also, in addition to the Attendance Banner as an incentive to better attendance the Efficiency Banner was awarded this year to the

Church attaining the highest grade of efficiency in their local program. It might be of interest to note that the White's Creek Church has held this banner for a full year of Training Union Work.

During the past two years as your Training Union Director, it has been my joy and deep delight to serve in this capacity. It has been through the co-operation of the Associational officers and the local Churches that our Training program has been the success that it has. With the projected plan of an associational faculty for teaching Study Courses in the various churches, the possibilities of greater acheivment are even brighter. It is my hope that in the coming year, under the leadership of the new director, Brother Sidney Britt, that our aim of a Training Union in every Church in the Bladen Association will be realized. Through our organized efforts and the individual co-operation of each church, surely we will go on to greater things in Training Union this year than ever before.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Owens, director

CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS

Our nation generally boasts that its law is established basically upon the Ten Commandments. This is a far cry from the standard of righteousness which Jesus revealed. He taught that He came "not to destroy" but to fulfill, to extend, to develop a righteousness far superior to mere law. This righteousness is a standard of morality based essentially upon love and freedom, not law, the legalism of "do's" and "don't's". Jesus respected the ability of each individual to make up his own mind in freedom and love, and He saw in each individual the "image of God" which gave him the capacity by his own volition to decide "right and wrong". Mere legalism is slavery — chaining the individual so that he loses his ability to make intelligent moral decisions.

The churches of our Association must proceed on the basis of freedom and love, leading each person in the respective communities to make their best and wise moral decisions upon the righteousness which Jesus gave all humanity. Condemnation upon legalistic principles never wins an immoral person to a better righteousness. In fact, condemnation has no part in the church because of the question, "who is able to 'cast the first stone' ". The church can not sanction civic unrighteousness and it must take a stand on issues, yet it must be accepting, understanding, and supportive. It must see that back of much social unrighteousness is much unguided solving of some basic need in each person. Therefore, upon the basis of freedom and love, the church must deal with the specific problem of civic unrighteousness.

A subtle vice which evades present and quite often future detection is the crime comic book, and the hideous, sadistic, murder mystery television program sponsored frequently by the beer industry. As a Southern community we are proud that our children do not see the evils which so often beset urban communities; yet we overlook the fact that many youthful personalities are learning to deal with life and its problems by following the example set forth in comic books and television murder mysteries and horror stories. The wish to read and see stories dealing with the wreckless side of life seem to be an inherent wish for excitement, risk, and danger. Could not this wish be direct-

ed to other means of expression — the excitement of carrying out a loving deed, the risk of losing one's life to find it, the danger of loving one's enemies? A publication of 1953 estimated that the comic book industry sells a fantastic number, 60 million comic books monthly. This number does not include a smaller number of wholesome literary comic books which are sold but are read sparingly. The young person does not always know what he wants nor does he know what is best for him. For this reason the parent has the responsiblity to direct and guide lovingly the young person in his choice of comic books and television programs. Some States have in recent months enacted a law which prohibits beer advertisements on television. Maybe that is a suggestive and partial solution to the difficulty in North Carolina.

Another problem of social unrighteousness touching the lives of all Baptists in our Association is the present rate at which people are being mangled and slaughtered on the highways by the speedster. This is a moral problem very seldom spoken of except in brief comments after a tragedy has occurred. It is a moral problem because it touches the lives of many people, and the potential of murder is there—speed. Many reports are heard concerning the youthful driver who tests the "hold-up ability" of the new car, but adults knowing better than to brag too openly set the example for the younger set. If the father and mother consistently disobey traffic regulations, what can be expected of their teen-ager who is learning to drive? He learns from his parents how to "beat" the cops. Willful and uncalled for speeding is undeniably a contributing factor to social unrighteousness.

Furthermore, in a county which has the outward reputation of being a dry county, there is always the danger of being wet within. This is carried on by the silent, undercover work and living which the bootlegger makes by selling his illegal liquid. Just as great a difficulty as the bootlegging manufacturer is the alcoholic beverage carrier who goes to the wet county and brings alcoholic beverages back inconspicuously to his "friends". Not only are these two forms of bootlegging illegal, but they are socially unrighteous. The presence of both forms in a dry county reveals very readily many underlying personal problems in the lives of those who drink and keep the bootleggers in business. The occasional drinker is seldom detected, but the alcoholic is recognized and spoken of quite often. He becomes isolated many times because he knows that the Christian brethern of his community are against his means of solving his problems. Such isolation precipitates his difficulty the more. In very few contacts he finds an understanding and supportive friend — his family reproves him, friends plead with him, police brutally handle him, clergy sentimentally deal with him, and county workers scorn him. Where is he to find the haven which will lead him to a better understanding of himself and his difficulty? Again in such an instance it is extremely convenient and easy for church brethern to condemn and to preach to its own ranks who are convinced of the evils of alcoholic beverages. The most perplexing thing which faces the church and the preacher is to find effective methods of dealing with this problem without falling into the old method of condemnation without support.

In conclusion, the contemporary danger which faces Baptist churches with regard to any social problem is to pay lip service to it,

sentimentalize about it, and do nothing. It is high time that the church return to the New Testament pattern of being a healing community.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Tobey

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR AGING

The North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging began their fifth year of operation March 16, 1955. This has been a year of progress. Both Homes — Resthaven and Albermarle — have had a continuing waiting list of applicants. As soon as a vacancy occurs there are far more applicants than can be accepted.

Construction of the Administration and Residential Building, costing $300,000, will get underway, and should be completed by this time next year. It will provide office facilities, dining room, kitchen, chapel. infirmary, recreational and handicraft space, and rooms for forty additional residents, thus raising the total capacity of the Homes to 95 residents.

Memorial gifts may be made in the following ways: A gift of $300 will furnish a room; $1,000 will endow- furnish- and maintain- a room; $3,000 will pay cost of building a room. In either case, a memorial plaque- bearing the name of the donor and name of person memorialized, or honored- will be placed on the door of a room.

Increasing support from our churches and denominational program gives great encouragement. Because of this support the Homes are able to assist a larger number who do not have sufficient funds with which to pay the cost of keep as residents. Regardless of financial condition, an applicant is received into the Homes on the basis of need and room available.

All connected with the Homes- staff and residents- are most grateful for the prayers and support of our friends. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped."

Surely all North Carolina Baptists should be grateful for the progress made thus far. Let us all rally to the challenge to render a greater ministry to the increasing number of aging friends who need the services of our Homes

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Bennett

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Dr. M. E. Dodd once said: "A non-reading Baptist is a non-informed Baptist. A non-informed Baptist is a non-interested Baptist. A non-interested Baptist is a non-cooperative Baptist, and a non-cooperative Baptist is not much of a Baptist." Our own Dr. Carpenter wrote in his 1955 report on Baptist literature, "The printed page has great power, Its message can go to many places where the spoken word and the sermon cannot be heard. Christian literature is a mighty force for good in promoting the Lord's work in sowing the seeds of righteousness in the minds of the people today."

Baptists today have the greatest array of Christian literature for all ages and all groups of any body of people in the world. Among the publications that come from the presses of our own denomination are

"Home Missions", "The Commission", "Home Life", "Open Windows," our organizational literature (Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, And Baptist Brotherhood). In our own state we are kept informed through our Orphanage publication the "Charity and Children" and our State Baptist paper, "The Bibical Recorder." The aim of all of these is to inform the people, to interest, unify, and enlist them in God's work, to indoctrineate them in the Scriptures, and to point out the scope and opportunities of Baptist work the world over.

If we are to be laborers in the vineyard of our Lord we must take advantage of this God-given literature lest we become responsible and charged with the sin of ommission of these opportunities to be informed for service. May each one of us be challenged to study our Christian literature and to pass on to others the great help that is here for all.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a Workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth."

—II Timothy 2: 15

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Marshall Weaver

REPORT OF W. M. U.

As we come to the end of this year, we feel that God has been good to us. We have 32 churches in our Association, all having W. M. U. Work. We now have 77 Young People's Organizations with about 800 members. More than ¾ of them contributing regularly through the cooperative program and during the past year 98 of them were enlisted as new tithers. The spiritual lives of our Young People of all age groups have been enriched and blessed through such experiences as Sunbeams and G. A. Rallies, R. A. Conclave, Y. W. A. Counsel Meetings and through the Annual Summer G. A. and R. A. Camp. We feel that from these experiences many of our young people will be lead to give themselves in full time Christian service and that all of them are receiving Missionary Education and Training that will help them in their local churches.

We are glad to note the increase in tithers of W. M. S. members and that a large number of organizations observed the seasons of prayer. We point with pride to our Mission Study classes. Our Associational meeting was well attended last spring at Riverside. We were thrilled by the attendance and the spirit of our Annual Regional meeting at Temple Church in Wilmington last week. As we strive to exalt Christ and give him the rightful place in our lives, the tithers, gifts, prayers and service will come and our work will continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. D. J. McDaniel

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God your missionary comes to give an account of the activities of the past year. There have been many opportunities of service and these were joyfully done. Your missionary regrets not being able to fulfill all the requests that have come. You have been very understanding and your cooperation is ap-

preciated. Many things which were necessary to make this report possible can not be included in a report of this kind.

Your missionary has attended 282 services in the 32 churches of the association and 43 services in the two missions—Armour and Pittman Road. She has led in 9 study courses, attended. 24 associational Train ing Union and Sunday School meetings and the State Sunday School Clinic in Winston-Salem accompanied by Mrs. Luther Bryan of Center Roads Church and Mrs. Naaman Rich, Riverside Church.

There have been 21 committee meetings, 49 group and 661 individual conferences. Other meetings attended were the Allied Church League, Prayer Meetings at the Bladenboro Rest Home, Rural Church Department for Region 3, State Evangelistic Conference, Greensboro, with Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Rev. T. H. Lambert and Rev. Dean L. Minton also attending. The State W. M. U. Executive Council with Mrs. D. J. McDaniel and Mrs. C. A. Priest was attended as was also the Regional Executive W. M. U. Committee and the Regional Annual Meeting. The State W. M. U. Convention at Asheville was attended with Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Mrs. M. J. Davis, Mrs. Creed Moore, accompanying her. Baptist State Convention in Charlotte was also attended.

The three day session of the State Vacation Bible School Clinic was attended with the associational departmental superintendents also attending. These assisted with the two associational V. B. S. Clinics and with the Columbus County V. B. S. Clinic. These departmental Superintendents were: Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Mrs. Alden Singletary, Miss Lucille Fisher, Mrs. Leon D. Smith, V. B. S. Associational Superintendent, Miss Mamie Regan, and Mrs. Horace Taylor. Your missionary worked in 8 V. B. S. and served as principal of 7 of these. She has attended the monthly meetings of the Bladen Baptist Pastors' Conference and served as secretary. She has also attended the monthly meetings of the Pastor's Wives.

She has served as register of the Bladen Seminary Extension Center; assisted with Young People's Camp at White Lake, and attended the Associational Missionaries' Conference at Charlotte and Caswell 5,425 copies of the monthly associational bulletin were memeographed and mailed; 20,083 miles were traveled.

The Associational Sunday School Enlargement Campaign in March was planned with the Associational leaders and State Sunday School leaders when 16 churches cooperated in the movement and about 20 Sunday School specialists were in the association one week to help our Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. J. Hall

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Jesus, in his commission to the deciples after the resurrection, said. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". This seems to have been the aim of the Home Mission Board ever since it was organized in 1845.

The past year was one of the best in the history of this board. Knowing that it would be the last year that Dr. J. B. Lawerence would serve as secretary-treasurer, the missionary personnel in all fields redoubled their efforts.

The territory served by the Home Mission Board extends from the

Atlantic to the Pacific including the three western states of California, Oregon, and Washington. The Board has work as far north as Alaska, and as far south as Cuba.

In carrying out the great commission of preaching the gospel to every creature, the Board has work among the French, Italians, Chinese, Japanese, Indians, Negroes, and Jews. There are more than 9,000,000 foreign speaking people in our convention territory, 95 percent of whom are unevangelized.

The Board not only does work among foreign groups but it operates good will centers and rescue missions in several large cities to help many of our own American people find Christ.

Other phases of our Home Mission work include work among the large group of deaf people, migrant workers, the mountain people, sharecroppers, displaced persons, and the mill hands of the South. The Board also has a rural mission program in cooperation with the State Mission Boards to revitalize the many small country churches.

In 1956 the emphasis will be on church extension and the building of new church buildings. It is hoped that 2,666 new churches and mission stations may be added in this one year. Special efforts will be made to increase the building loan funds sufficiently to care for the ever-increasing needs of the churches which are dependent upon the denomination for aid in financing their programs.

The responsibilities of the Board are greater today than ever before Since 1944 the territory served by the Convention has increased 78 per cent and the population 44 percent. There are 40,000,000 unchurched people in this territory.

The constant growth of Communism, Atheism, and Materialism in our territory makes an advance program in Home Missions ever more urgent.

Truly, the fields are white unto harvest, and if we are going to be 'Building In His Kingdom', let us give sacrifically to support and extend our Home Mission Program, that world mission work may be strengthened and the Kingdom of God extended.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Milton L. Fisher

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, told the Board in its September meeting that God is moving the hearts of Southern Baptists. "Never before has there been such widespread undergirding of the whole mission task by the entire constituency of the Convention." he said.

The Convention is focusing all of its efforts upon an advance in foreign missions. This means not only advance in foeign missions but in every aspect of our world task. It is obvious that any advance must come to its culmination in a larger outreach in giving the gospel to the world beyond the borders of our own country."

Dr. Cauthen was referring specifically to the special emphasis to be given to world missions during 1956 and 1957 by the entire convention. "It could well be that this emphasis will enable the Foreign Mission Board to arrive at its minimum objective of 1,750 missionaries at a far

earlier date than heretofore has been anticipated." he said.

"These developments bring to us at the Foreign Mission Board a two fold sense. On the one hand there is a sense of rich opportunity. We also sense a very great responsibility which comes to us now in light of these developments. This calls us to new depths of prayer and challenges us to exert courage and wisdom and look to God for his constant guidance."

Our Missionary Personnel is:

Africa, Europe, and the Near East	252
Latin America	395
The Orient	302
Total	949
Emeritus Missionaries	131

Respectfully Submitted
Vance Tyson

BUDGET FOR 1955-1956

The Finance Committee Recommended the following Budget

Salary for Associational Missionary	$ 2,100.00
Missionary's Travel Expense	900.00
Associational Bulletin, paper, ink, stencils, etc.	60.00
Other Office Supplies	15.00
Postage for mailing bulletin and correspondence	50.00
Telephone and Long Distance Calls	75.00
Ministers Retirement	34.00
For Printing Minutes	300.00
Clerk's Expense	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total Budget	$ 3,834.00

Respectfully submitted,
M. K. Edge, Chairman,
Finance Committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER

I wish to call your attention to the report that the beginning of this Associational year Rev. John A. Moore was treasurer of the Association, and during the year he left our Association and Mr. McK. Edge was appointed to take his place for the balance of the fiscal year. I wish to thank the churches for their fine support during the year 1954 and 1955. I hope that this report will show in detail just what has been done. It is broken down in three headings as follows: MINUTE FUND, ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS, PITTMAN ROAD MISSION. This report

will show how each church has contributed to each of these funds, and also those churches that have not contributed any thing.

Name of Church	Minutes Fund	Associational Missions	Pittman Rd. Missions
ABBOTTSBURG		$ 50.00	$ 5.00
BEARD'S CHAPEL		40.00	7.05
BETHEL		50.00	33.72
BLADENBORO FIRST	$25.00	492.50	92.85
BRIAR BRANCH		0	0
BUTTERS		0	0
CALVARY	10.00	20.00	0
CENTER ROADS	15.00	60.00	0
CLARKTON		150.00	
COUNCIL	5.00	71.00	
CYPRESS CREEK	0	0	0
DUBLIN FIRST	15.00	100.00	0
ELIZABETHTOWN		450.00	115.00
GALEED		62.50	10.00
HICKORY GROVE	0	0	0
LAGOON	0	0	0
LISBON		50.00	0
LOVE GROVE	0	85.00	48.97
NAT MOORE	0	0	0
NEW CENTER	0	0	5.00
NORTHSIDE	0	10.00	0
RICHARDSON	12.00	25.00	5.50
RIVERSIDE		15.62	
SANDY GROVE		22.42	
SHADY GROVE		75.00	
SUGGS GROVE		50.00	25.00
TOBEMORY	5.00	15.00	
WEST BLADENBORO		50.00	
WHITE'S CREEK		75.00	
WHITE LAKE	0	0	0
WHITE OAK		100.00	0
ZION HILL		90.00	5.00
STATE CONVENTION		972.00	
MRS. R. J. HALL		7.00	
TOTALS	**$ 87.00**	**$3,188.04**	**$ 353.09**

Bank Balance October 14, 1954	565.11
Total Received for Minutes	87.00
Total Received for Associational Missions	3,188.04
Total Received for Pittman Road Mission	353.09
Miscellaneous Receipts	18.00
	$4,211.24

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mrs. Pearl C. Hall, Salary, Travel, Office Expense less Ret.	$3,115.92
Baptist State Convention-Minister Retirement	168.00
Other Expenses	348.97
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	**$3,632.89**

BANK BALANCE, OCTOBER 12, 1955		$ 578.35
Present Bank Balance of Each Fund:		
Pittman Road Mission	$ 353.09	
Minute Fund	40.00	
Associational Mission Fund	185.26	**$ 578.35**

Respectfully submitted,
McK. Edge, Treasurer

A RESOLUTION

from the Bladen Baptist Pastors' Conference

The Bladen Baptist Pastors in regular monthly session September 19th suggested to the Bladen Association that the emphasis for associational activities in 1956 be a Musical Revival to be held probably the last of February, and that a committee be appointed by the Moderator to work out the details.

Respectfully submitted,
Bladen Baptist Pastors' Conference
Mrs. R. J. Hall, Secretary

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

ORDAINED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF BLADEN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church Membership
L. L. Barnes,	Route 2, Elizabethtown (OP)	Beard's Chapel
R. A. Britt,	Bladenboro (OP)	Bladenboro, First
Joe R. Burn,	Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth	Love Grove
N. B. Edge,	Delco (OP)	Suggs Grove
R. J. Edwards,	Butters (OR)	Butters
Gaston Hester,	Bladenboro (OP)	West Bladenboro
James M. Hester,	Long Beach, Cal. (R. Ch.)	Calvary
Holland Hughes,	Bladenboro (OP)	West Bladenboro
Joel S. Johnson,	White Oak (OP)	White Oak
Thomas H. Lambert,	Dublin (OP)	Bethel
John H. McCrimmon,	Bladenboro (OP)	Bladenboro, First
Dean L. Minton,	Elizabethtown (OP)	Elizabethtown
Mark Owens,	Route 2, Bladenboro (OP)	White's Creek
Z. G. Ray,	Elizabethtown (OP)	Elizabethtown
Thomas Tobey,	Clarkton (OP)	Clarkton
J. J. Weeks,	Clarkton (OR)	Clarkton
A. C. Herring,	Route 2, Bladenboro (OR)	Center Roads

O—Ordained. P—Pastor. M—Minister. R—Retired. Ch—Chaplain.

ASSISTANT PASTORS OR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS
None

MINISTERS LICENSED THIS YEAR
None

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR
None

STUDENTS FOR THE MINISTRY

Joe R. Burn, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth ..... Love Grove
R. L. Johnson, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest ..... Elizabethtown

MUSIC DIRECTORS

Philip Gerald Yarborough, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
Oliver Smith, Garland ..... Beard's Chapel
Mrs. E. W. Woodell, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Bethel
Mrs. L. A. Bridger, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Homer Watson, Route 2, Elizabethtown ..... Briar Branch
Ross Edwards, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Butters
Miss Marion Britt, Elizabethtown ..... Calvary
W. D. Pait, Jr., Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Center Roads
A. N. Putnam, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
J. M. Moore, Acme ..... Council
G. D. Johnson, Garland ..... Cypress Creek
Mrs. Wilma Hursey, Dublin ..... Dublin First
L. T. Vaught, Jr., Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Philip Johnson, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
Mrs. Charlotte Savage, Clarkton ..... Lisbon
R. A. Bedsole, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
Ever Squires, Acme ..... Nat Moore
Miss Hazel Edwards, Bladenboro ..... New Center
Willard Johnson, Bladenboro ..... Northside
Mrs. Stanley Davis, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Richardson
E. B. Graham, Ivanhoe ..... Riverside
Miss Lossie Thompson, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Shady Grove
M. B. Dew, White Oak ..... Suggs Grove
Mrs. Robert Huggins, Route 2, St Pauls ..... Tobermory
Mrs. Mark Owens, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Whites Creek
F. L. Tatum, White Oak ..... White Oak
J. B. Johnson, Jr., Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill

PIANISTS or ORGANISTS

Mrs. Ruth Yarbrough, Abbottsburg ..... Abbottsburg
Mrs. Lena Barnes, Garland ..... Beard's Chapel
Miss Pat Roberts, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Bethel
Mrs. L. A. Bridger, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Mrs. Anzie Mercer, Route 1, Bladenboro ..... Butters
Miss Pearl Harrelson, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Calvary
Miss Patsy Jean Pait, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Center Roads
Miss Goldie Ellis, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
Mrs. Wilbert Davis, Parkersburg ..... Cypress Creek
Miss Monnie Dean Hester, Dublin ..... Dublin First
Mrs. D. V. Dunham, Elizabethtown ..... Elizabethtown
Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Miss Althea Lewis, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
Mrs. Ernest Gause, Elizabethtown ..... Lisbon
Nash Singletary, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
Mrs. Ever Squires, Kelly ..... Nat Moore
Mrs. J. J. Ransom, Bladenboro ..... New Center
Miss Myrtle Hester, Bladenboro ..... Northside

Mrs. Charles Spence, Bladenboro ..... Richardson
Mrs. Stewart Davis, Bladenboro ..... Sandy Grove
Mrs. Riley Evans, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Shady Grove
Roland Smith, White Oak ..... Suggs Grove
Miss Ruby Odom, Lumber Bridge ..... Tobermory
Mrs. Beulah Todd, Elizabethtown ..... Whites Creek
Mrs. Arnold Melvin, Route 2, Elizabethtown ..... White Lake
Mrs. Hilda Cain, White Oak ..... White Oak
Miss Joyce Dove, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill

CHURCH LIBRARIANS

Mrs. Truett Freeman, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Mrs. Janie Harrelson, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Whites Creek

CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

Carl Cook, Bladenboro ..... Abbottsburg
B. C. Barnes, Garland ..... Beard's Chapel
A. W. Brisson, Dublin ..... Bethel
J. J. Pittman, Bladenboro ..... Bladenboro First
Ross Edwards, Bladenboro ..... Butters
W. B. Warner, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Calvary
W. E. Bryan, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Center Roads
N. B. Ellis, Clarkton ..... Clarkton
C. M. Davis, Parkersburg ..... Cypress Creek
J. C. Taylor, Route 1, Elizabethtown ..... Dublin First
Henry Pait, Bladenboro ..... Galeed
Seth Lewis, Route 2, Bladenboro ..... Hickory Grove
D. M. Merritt, Lagoon ..... Lagoon
S. W. Phillips, Council ..... Lisbon
S. A. Bedsole, Tar Heel ..... Love Grove
S. T. Squires, Kelly ..... Nat Moore
L. W. Ransom, Bladenboro ..... New Center
Elmer Lennon, Bladenboro ..... Northside
Ikey Singletary, Bladenboro ..... Richardson
M. B. Kinlaw, Bladenboro ..... Sandy Grove
Orbon Gibson, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Shady Grove
R. A. Edge, Route 2, Elizabethtown ..... Suggs Grove
C. E. Simmons, Route 1, St. Pauls ..... Tobermory
J. B. Bennett, Bladenboro ..... West Bladenboro
A. R. Townsend, Route 1, Clarkton ..... Whites Creek
Thad Smith, Route 2, Elizabethtown ..... White Lake
P. G. Cain, White Oak ..... White Oak
Hutchinson White, Bladenboro ..... Zion Hill

In Memoriam

ABBOTTSBURG:
Mrs. Mattie Gibson

BEARD'S CHAPEL:
Mrs. C. H. Norris

BRIAR BRANCH:
Mr. O. F. Culbreith
Mrs. Mittie McMillon

BUTTERS:
Mr. Raymon Berry
Mrs. Nettie Hall
Mrs. Carrie Cain
Mr. Arch Dennis

CALVARY:
Miss Treacey Harrelson

CENTER ROADS:
Mrs. Maggie Pait
Mr. E. N. Pait

DUBLIN FIRST:
Mrs. Leila S. Raybon
Mr. W. D. Nance

ELIZABETHTOWN:
Mrs. C. O. Johnson
Mrs. Christine Hall
Mr. Sankey G. Bullard
Mr. Homer Smith
Mrs. Carrie Jones
Mr. Malcolm Dew

GALEED:
Mrs. Vivian Edwards

HICKORY GROVE:
Mrs. Annie Singletary Davis
Mr. J. Frank Brisson
Mrs. Florence Sykes

LISBON:
Mr. T. M. Ray

NAT MOORE:
Mr. W. A. Squires

NORTHSIDE:
Mrs. Allie Milligan

SANDY GROVE:
Mr. D. W. King
Mrs. Annie E. Deaver

SHADY GROVE:
Mr. G. S. Thompson
Mr. Wilbur Thompson

SUGGS GROVE:
Mr. Jesse Melvin

WEST BLADENBORO:
Mrs. Lennie Powers
Mr. E. D. McClain
Mr. E. H. Gattis

WHITE LAKE:
Mr. D. A. Marshburn (Deacon)
Mr. Cary Melvin

WHITE OAK:
Mrs. Daphine B. Kinlaw
Mr. George F. Johnson
Mr. Fred Melvin
Mrs. Ella Robeson

HISTORICAL TABLE—BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Brown's Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen ounty Association. Delegates at that meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session.

Session	Year	CHURCH	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1	1892	Mt. Pleasant	William Brunt	H. B. Register	W. S. Melvin
2	1893	Cypress Creek	William Brunt	H. B. Register	A. J. Broadax
3	1894	Galeed	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
4	1895	White Oak	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brisson
5	1896	Hickory Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	William Brunt
6	1897	Clarkton	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	C. E. Beard
7	1898	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	I P. Hedgpeth
8	1899	Frenches Creek	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	E. J. Edwards
9	1900	Mt. Pleasant	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	W. S. Ballard
10	1901	Garland	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	H. C. Dillard
11	1902	Galeed	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
12	1903	White Oak	W. S. Melvin	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
13	1904	Shady Grove	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	A. H. Porter
14	1905	White Lake	William Brunt	F. S. Averitt	J. S. Farmer
15	1906	Hickory Grove	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	H. B. Humphrey
16	1907	White Oak	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. T. Britt
17	1908	Abbottsurg	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
18	1909	White Lake	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	P. O. Meeks
19	1910	Mt. Zion	R. M. Hilburn	F. S. Averitt	A. L. Betts
20	1911	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	I. P. Hedgpeth
21	1912	Bethel	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Fleming
22	1913	White Oak	W. W. Woodhouse	F. S. Averitt	J. M. Hester
23	1914	Bladenboro	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	Livingston Johnson
24	1915	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
25	1916	Bethel	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	J. D. Howell
26	1917	White Oak	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
27	1918	Elizabethtown	N. A. Layton	F. S. Averitt	R. L. Byrd
28	1919	White Oak	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	R. E. Powell
29	1920	Center Road	R. E. Powell	F. S. Averitt	E. O. Johnson
30	1921	Elizabethtown	R. E. Powell	D. B. Johnson	R. E. Powell
31	1922	Hickory Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
32	1923	White Oak	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	W. D. Pridgen
33	1924	Galeed	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
34	1925	Love's Grove	S. N. Watson	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
35	1926	Clarkton	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
36	1927	White Oak	R. J. Hester	Seth Lewis	L. E. Dutton
37	1928	White's Creek	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	S. N. Watson
38	1929	Bladenboro	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
39	1930	Clarkton	W. D. Pridgen	Seth Lewis	W. A. Coleman
40	1931	Elizabethtown	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
41	1932	Hickory Grove	W. O. Biggs	Seth Lewis	R. J. Hall
42	1933	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. R. Hinton
43	1934	Abbottsburg	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. A. Paul
44	1935	White Oak	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. C. Hough
45	1936	Tar Heel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	Joel Johnson
46	1937	Sandy Grove	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	J. M. Page
47	1938	Center Road	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	W. O. Biggs
48	1939	White Lake	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	C. B. Horne
49	1940	Bethel	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	M. O. Alexander
50	1941	Zion Hil	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	E. H. Canady
51	1942	White's Creek	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	R. F. Marshburn
52	1943	Galeed	R. J. Hall	Seth Lewis	S. R. Goodman
53	1944	Clarkton	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	B. H. Laughridge
54	1945	Hickory Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. S. Smith
55	1946	Bladenboro	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. D. Frazier
56	1947	Cypress Creek	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	A. P. Stevens
57	1948	Shady Grove	W. W. Woodhouse	Seth Lewis	C. P. Burchett
58	1949	Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	B. W. Howell
59	1950	Lisbon	W. W. Woodhouse	R. A. Britt	John A. Moore
60	1951	Center Roads	C. D. Brisson	R. A. Britt	J. B. Dosher
61	1952	Love Grove	C. D. Brisson	Leon D. Smith	F. W. Naylor
		Clarkton			M. M. Turner
62	1953	Dublin First	Leon D. Smith	John A. Moore	John H. McCrimmon
		Sandy Grove			R. M. Walton
63	1954	Shady Grove	Leon D. Smith	John A. Moore	Mark Owens
		Zion Hill			Joel S. Johnson
64	1955	Bladenboro First	Leon D. Smith	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel	Dean L. Minton
		Hickory Grove			T. H. Lambert

TABLE A—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting AM	Dates of Meeting PM	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	GAINS Baptisms	GAINS Letters and Other Additions	Losses Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	TOTAL Total Resident Members	TOTAL Total Non-Resident Members	TOTAL Grand Total Present Members	TOTAL Number Jews Baptized	SPECIAL INFORMATION Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Budget	No. Missions Supported by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether a pastor or not)
					Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Clerk Box 5185, Elizabethtown, N. C. Leon D. Smith, Moderator Elizabethtown, N. C.													
Abbottsburg	V	1870	1	3	Joe A. Campbell, Bladenboro	2	2	1	82	14	96		2		No			$ 920.00
Beard's Chapel	C	1890	1	3	Everitt Anderson, Roseboro	1		1	99		99		2		No			635.00
Bethel	C	1881	2-4	1-3	Thomas H. Lambert, Dublin	18	6	2	208	36	244		1	8	No			1,600.00
Bladenboro, First	T	1911	All		John H. McCrimmon, Bladenboro	9	6	23	306	72	378		1	100	No			5,000.00
Briar Branch	C	1898	4	2	L. L. Barnes, R-2, Elizabethtown	11		9	67	19	86		2		Yes			258.30
Butters	V	1932		2-4	No Pastor	5	1	7	82	47	129		2	9	No			360.00
Calvary	C	1939	1-3		Frank Williams, Jr., R-2, Bladenboro		2	4	41	14	57			6	No			600.00
Center Roads	C	1885	2-4	2-4	H. B. Bennett, Shallotte	8	7	13	250	22	272		2		No			1,200.00
Clarkton	T	1884	All		Thomas Tobey, Clarkton	20	10	10	292	61	353		1		No			2,800.00
Council	V	1912	?		No Pastor	3	4	10	119	32	151		1		No			
Cypress Creek	C	1853	1-3	2-4	Jennings L. McLamb, Shallotte	11	3	10	148	23	171		1		No			1,200.00
Dublin First	V	1951	1-3	2-4	No Pastor	18	3	7	204	13	217		2	19	No			2,100.00
Elizabethtown	T	1903	All		Dean L. Minton, Elizabethtown	6	15	28	520	19	539		2	90	No			3,900.00
Galeed	C	1876	1-3	3-4	M. J. Davis, Bladenboro	10	4	4	279		279		1		No			1,800.00
Hickory Grove	C	1834	1-3	3-4	T. H. Lambert, Dublin	8	2	13	209	20	229		1	18	No			1,800.00
Lagoon	C	1896	2	2	Earl Hales, Roseboro			2	13	12	25			1	No			240.00
Lisbon	C	1872	All	1-3	Jennings L. McLamb, Shallotte	15	6	6	145	30	175		2	21	No			1,000.00
Love Grove	V	1872	2-4	2-4	J. Wade Fowler, Raleigh	5	5	11	90	116	206		1	16	No			1,800.00
Nat Moore	C	1914	2		N. B. Edge, Acme		1	1	65	8	74		1		No			280.00
New Center	C	1947	1	3	Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	7	1		61		61		2		No			300.00
Northside	C	1954	2-4	1-3	Vance H. Tyson, Whiteville	15	17	3	64		64		2	19	No			1,820.00
Richardson	C	1914	1	3	No Pastor			1	64	29	93		1		No			401.50
Riverside	C	1924	2-4	2-4	No Pastor	7		6	78	38	116		2	6	No			750.00
Sandy Grove	C	1876	2-4		Gaston Hester, Bladenboro	6	1	7	227		227		2	5	No			1,200.00
Shady Grove	C	1880	1-3	2-4	Mark Owens, R-2, Bladenboro	6	5	6	150	45	195		2	6	No			1,200.00
Suggs Grove	C	1855	4		L. L. Todd, Whiteville	0	2	7	140		140		2	17	No			600.00
Tobermory	C	1937	1-3		Z. R. Ray, Elizabethtown	7	3		45	48	93		2		No			500.00
West Bladenboro	V	1917	2-4	1-3	Joe A. Campbell, Bladenboro	0	3	3	175		175		1	26	No			1,500.00
White's Creek	C	1914	2-4	1-3	Mark Owens, R-2, Bladenboro	4	6	4	108	22	130		1	15	No			1,500.00
White Lake	C	1846	4	3	Joel Johnson, White Oak			2	52	48	100		1		No			600.00
White Oak	C	1858	1-3	3-4	Joel Johnson, White Oak		3	7	118	85	203		2	15	No			1,800.00
Zion Hill	C	1886	2-4	1-3	M. J. Davis, Bladenboro	6	4	1	114	21	145		2	21	No			1,800.00
						208	122	209	4,625	894	5519		47	418	1			$41,464.80

TABLE B—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES Rev. Dean L. Minton, Associational Superintendent Elizabethtown, N. C.	Sunday School Enrolment																	
		Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers Not Counted Classes and Departments	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Abbottsburg	Billy McKeithan, Abbottsburg			35	19	38	16	24	58				194	133	133	121	Yes	2
Beard's Chapel	Gaddie Norris, Route 1, Garland			12	12	17	17	30	29				145	114				
Bethel	Thomas Carroll, Dublin		5	14	22	42	26	36	113	7	33		301	201	107	98	Yes	
Bladenboro, First	J. J. Pittman, Bladenboro	14	27	27	46	49	47	17	182	11	3		423	209	113	101	Yes	1
Briar Branch	W. W. Hardison, Elizabethtown		7	4	12	8	10	16	14				71	50			No	
Butters	Route 1, Box 7, Bladenboro			41		16	15	25	35				132	80	80	80	Yes	
Calvary	W. B. Warner, Route 1, Box 47, Clarkton				7	6		4	17		1		48	25	25	20	No	
Center Roads	Ernest Singletary, Elizabethtown	17	19	17	18	14	18	17	68	12			200	128	109	98	No	
Clarkton	E. W. Warner, Clarkton	4	15	11	27	49	38	27	147		6		324	206	109	82.5	No	1
Council	H. S. Jackson, Route 1, Council			11	10	15	10	11	32	9	3		101	66	70	57	Yes	
Cypress Creek	Stafford C. Davis, Parkersburg		10	18	21	26	13	19	70	7	4		200	106	104	92	No	
Dublin, First	C. D. Brisson, Dublin		11	24	27	31	25	78	65		7		268	186	112	102	No	
Elizabethtown	Clyde R. Jordan, Jr., Elizabethtown		87	51	89	63	62	44	237	15	6		654	312	204	172	Yes	1
Galeed	E. H. Kelly, Boardman		22	32	23	23	28	25	86				239	131	105	95	No	
Hickory Grove	Luther Davis, Route 2, Bladenboro			20	13	23	23		92				171	152	105	95	No	
Lagoon	R. H. Merritt, Lagoon		4	2			4		19		4		33	22	34	32	No	
Lisbon	Herbert Sasser, R-1, Elizabethtown	12	7	7	13	21	16	12	44	12	8		145	81			Yes	1
Love Grove	Alden Singletary, R-1, Tar Heel		10	30	17	34	28	56	60		2		225	156	103	96	No	1
Nat Moore	Lee Robinson, Kelly			21		21			39		5		86	40	24	15		
New Center	Leamon Duncan, Route, Bladenboro			12	17	27	28	37	36				152	84	66	58	Yes	1
Northside	T. S. Dove, Bladenboro		11	29	16	18	12	10	49		21		166	80	94	85	No	
Richardson	Elery Singletary, R-1, Bladenboro			10	10	12		12	25				69	39	61	50	No	
Riverside	W. W. Jernigan, Route 1, Garland			10	11	18	17	14	39				109	60	61	61	Yes	1
Sandy Grove	T. E. Guyton, Bladenboro			20	30	30	30	30	40				180	140	60	60	Yes	
Shady Grove	Leston Thompson, R-2, Bladenboro	3	9	20	24	33	27	47	58	4	5		230	143	103	81	Yes	1
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, Route 5, Fayetteville		24	11	11	17	11	16	90		2		182	98	62	47	No	
Tobermory	Oscar Terry, R-2, St. Pauls	3	4	7	11	14	10	13	21		7		90	65	42	37	Yes	1
West Bladenboro	Waylon Ivey, Bladenboro			26	20	31	30	36	80				236	112	100	95	Yes	
White's Creek	Edsel Carter, Elizabethtown		21	20	24	20	9	36	49				179	107	73	66	Yes	1
White Lake	Arnold Melvin, R-2, Elizabethtown		2	20	21	20	22	7	25				117	62	32	32	No	
White Oak	E. M. Tatum, White Oak			10	12	14	14	15	44		1		110	78	58	50	No	
Zion Hill	Kendrick Hester, R-2, Bladenboro		7	7	16	25	13	17	52		9		146	94	88	76	No	
	Total	53	302	579	599	775	619	731	2015	77	130		5926	3560	2437	2154	14	12

TABLE C—TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	TRANING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES Sidney Britt, Associational Director Bladenboro, N. C.	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT										
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Abbottsburg	Mrs. Katherine McKeithan, Abbottsburg		11		12	15	5	12		9	64	48
Beard's Chapel												
Bethel	B. E. Carroll, Dubin			12	30	13	12	30		18	115	82
Bladenboro, First	Robert J. Lewis, Bladenboro		12	14	27	38		20		3	114	71
Briar Branch	Eugene Belleps, R-2, Elizabethtown		7		12	10	18	12			69	40
Butters												
Calvary	Marion Britt, Box 595, Elizabethtown						5	10		4	15	12
Center Roads	W. D. Pait, R-2, Bladenboro				26	15	25			12	78	49
Clarkton	D. B. Little, Clarkton			6	16	17	19	33		7	98	47
Council	Roy Todd, Route 1, Council	4	5	4	10	12	13	18	56	3	59	49
Cypress Creek	Mrs. Stafford Davis, R-1, Parkersburg	Just Organized										
Dublin, First	Mrs. James McIntyre, Dublin		6	4	12	16	4	20		4	66	39
Elizabethtown	Richard Gillespie, Elizabethtown		18	24	21	22	17	25		5	140	75
Galeed	Levi Cain, Bladenboro		6		20	16	12	27		6	87	37
Hickory Grove	F. T. Nance, R-1, Bladenboro		15		15	16		36			82	57
Lagoon												
Lisbon	John Heustess, R-1, Clarkton		5	6	15	17		15			45	27
Love Grove	Josh Brisson, Tar Heel		5	7	10	7	4	12		5	50	35
Nat Moore												
New Center												
Northside	Mrs.Allen Davis, Box 517, Bladenboro											
Richardson	Chriss Merritt, R-1, Bladenboro		9		6	8		12		4	39	19
Riverside	Georgia Ann Long, R-1, Tomahawk				10	20					30	25
Sandy Grove	Franklin Adams, R-2, Bladenboro		10	10	10	15	10	10	25		80	60
Shady Grove	Orbin Gibson, R-1, Clarkton	15	7	10	26	17	12	18		2	107	70
Suggs Grove	Preston Simmons, R-5, Fayetteville											
Tobermory	Nick L. Baker, R-2, St. Pauls			5	8	10		7		5	35	25
West Bladenboro	Waylon Ivey, Bladenboro				9		15	12			36	28
White's Creek	Mrs. Nell Harelson, Star Route, Clarkton		22		14		14	40			90	53
White Lake												
White Oak	P. G. Cain, White Oak				8	13		11			32	19
Zion Hill	Theron Pait, Bladenboro		12		16	11	15	10		6	70	39
	Total	19	150	25	339	299	200	390	81	93	1,571	1,006

TABLE D—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Associational President Box 5184, Elizabethtown, N. C.	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Abbottsburg	Mrs. Marie Ward, Route, Bladenboro	1	1			2	23	15			38	2
Beard's Chapel		1				1	7				7	
Bethel	Mrs. James Bordeaux, R-1, Elizabethtown	1	1	1	1	4	16	19	14	9	58	3
Bladenboro, First	Mrs. H. J. White, Jr., Box 401, Bladenboro	1	1	2	1	5	113	5	30	46	197	93
Briar Branch		1										
Butters	Mrs. Henry Sykes, Route 1, Bladenboro	1	1			2	15	6			21	9
Calvary	Mrs. W. B. Warner, R-1, Box 47, Clarkton	1				1	12				12	4
Center Roads	Mrs. Horace Taylor, Box 321, Bladenboro	1				1	22				22	11
Clarkton	Mrs. Harry Prince, Clarkton	1	1	1	1	4	57	12	14	7	90	40
Council	Miss Geneva Squires, R-1, Kelly	1				1	15				15	
Cypress Creek	Mrs. Lucile Davis, R-1, Parkersburg	1				1	40				40	
Dublin, First	Mrs. Marshall Bordeaux, R-1, Elizabethtown	1	1	2	1	5	26	7	21	25	79	17
Elizabethtown	Mrs. J. S. Allen, Elizabethtown	1	1	1	2	5	192	4	32	50	278	72
Caleed	Mrs. Ruby Prevatte, Bladenboro	1	1	1		4	36	20	10		66	
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Harvey Allen, Route 2, Bladenboro	1				1	28				28	18
Lagoon	Miss Atwood Smith, Lagoon	1				1	5				5	1
Lisbon	Mrs. S. W. Phillips, R-1, Council	1	1	2	1	5	15	5	10	10	40	21
Love Grove	Mrs. Ruby Mac Wilson, Tar Heel	1	1	2	1	6	35	7	23	26	91	12
Nat Moore	Mrs. Rether Bigford, Kelly	1				1	15				15	
New Center	Mrs. Woodrow Edwards, Bladenboro	1				1	11				11	
Northside	Mrs. Allen Davis, Box 517, Bladenboro	1				1	20				20	16
Richardson	Mrs. Sam Singletary, R-1, Bladenboro	1				1	20				20	1
Riverside	Mrs. E. O. Lewis, R-1, Tomahawk	1				1	20				20	6
Sandy Grove	Mrs. Emmett Guyton, Box 253, Bladenboro	1		1		2	28		20		48	5
Shady Grove	Mrs. Rena Thompson, R-2, Box 41-A, Bladenboro	1	1	1	1	4	32	4	8	19	63	3
Suggs Grove	Mrs. B. B. Edge, R-1, White Oak	1		1		2	21		6		27	17
Tobermory	Mrs. C. E. Simmons, R-1, St. Pauls	1				1	10				10	
West Bladenboro	Mrs. Grace Bennett, Bladenboro	1	1	1	1	4	19	10	6	10	45	22
White's Creek	Mrs. Ruby Harrelson, R-1, Clarkton	1		2	2	5	18		12	22	42	14
White Lake	Mrs. Guy Atkinson, R-2, Elizabethtown	1					12				12	
White Oak	Mrs. Edith Tatum, White Oak	1		1		2	20		14		34	6
Zion Hill	Mrs. Mildred Storms, R-2, Bladenboro	1	1		1	3	15	4		15	34	19
	Total	32	12	19	13	77	918	118	220	239	1495	412

TABLE E BROTHERHOOD WORK, BUILDINGS, GOALS, CHURCH LIBRARY, CHURCH MUSIC, VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES Associational Brotherhood President N. H. Thompson Elizabethtown	Brotherhood						Building			Goals		Library	Church Music				Visual Education		
		Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	R. A. Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association missions coming year	Does your church have a library?	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Church Had Music Training Course	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Abbottsburg									17,000.00				No							
Beard's Chapel									10,000.00											
Bethel	Edgar Priest, Tar Heel	Just Organized						5,000.00	67,000.00		50.00	50.00	No	2						
Bladenboro, First	S. D. Britt, Bladenboro	25	12	13	12	38	24	15,000.00	150,000.00	55,000.00	3,600.00	500.00	Yes	3	60	1600.	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Brier Branch									1,170.00				No							
Butters									3,200.00											
Calvary									4,500.00				No	1						
Center Roads									1,500.00				No							
Clarkton	Harry Prince, Clarkton	47	10	11	48	58	58	5,835.00	54,176.00		1,700.00	200.00	No	1	16	40.	No			
Council									8,000.00				Yes							
Cypress Creek									10,000.00											
Dublin				15	3	15	3		4,600.00				No							
Elizabethtown	Leon D. Smith, Elizabethtown	46	12	18	61	64	73	10,000.00	110,000.00	3,750.00	4,000.00	450.00	Yes	3	40	50.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Galeed									10,000.00				No	2	35		No	No	No	No
Hickory Grove									10,000.00				No							
Lagoon									3,500.00											
Lisbon									20,000.00					2	50					
Love Grove									15,000.00											
Nat Moore									2,000.00											
New Center									3,000.00											
North Side									6,500.00											
Richardson									2,288.00		100.00	25.00								
Riverside									4,500					1	15					
Sandy Grove									10,000.00											
Shady Grove								6,000.00	18,000.00		300.00	75.00		1	20		Yes	No	No	No
Suggs Grove				5					12,000.00		300.00	50.00		2				Yes		
Tobermory									2,500.00		50.00	25.00								
West Bladenboro									10,000.00		75.00	50.00								
Whites Creek				12	24	12	24		7,500				Yes							
White Lake									5,000.00	400.00										
White Oak								2,500.00	14,500.00		300.00	75.00	Yes	1	14					
Zion Hill									5,000.00		315.00	100.00	No	2	26					
	Total	118	34	74	148	187	182	$44,335.00	$602,434.00	$62,750.00	$10,790.00	$1,600.00	5	21	276	1690.	2	1	2	2

TABLE F AND G — TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES Associational Treasurer, M. K. Edge, R-5, Fayetteville, N. C.	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Abbottsburg	Barnie Bell Bradshaw, R-2, Bladenboro	3,219.24		190.73	495.10	312.20	27.61	335.91		50.90	1,501.95	920.00	2,421.95
Beard's Chapel	Simon Gurganeous, R-2, Elizabethtown	1,731.50			159.24	115.79	270.77	207.15		92.51	845.46	635.00	1,480.46
Bethel	E. W. Woodell, R-2, Bladenboro	11,385.90	600.00	293.50	6,968.88	362.61	216.29	250.00		1,027.00	9,718.28	1,600.00	11,318.28
Bladenboro, First	H. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	38,287.93	3,668.00	662.74	77,200.10	982.25	951.92	490.00		2,511.87	86,466.88	5,000.00	91,466.88
Brier Branch	Homer Watson, R-2, Elizabethtown	1,553.55	1,566.97	25.85	915.99	116.86	46.35	135.00			1,295.25	258.30	1,498.75
Butters	Mrs. Worth Packer, R-1, Bladenboro	1,486.97		31.92		94.27		150.00		120.96	397.15	360.00	757.15
Calvary	Mrs. J. E. Williams, R-1, Clarkton	273.99		67.20		103.35	27.25			15.29	161.20	397.00	671.29
Center Roads	W. C. Pait, R-2, Bladenboro	2,905.92		121.00		307.60	103.05	297.30		132.16	1,011.11	1,200.00	2,211.11
Clarkton	Max Little, Clarkton	12,275.70	479.50	830.86	4,039.02	846.10	85.00	100.00		488.30	2,829.76	2,800.00	9,668.78
Council	Simean McLean, Council	4,979.50	116.00	595.65	84.00	295.19	40.00	330.56		530.50	1,991.90	1,590.00	3,581.90
Cypress Creek	John W. Johnson, R-1, Garland	3,111.81	60.00	63.25		117.19		476.54	800.00	37.42	1,544.40	1,500.00	3,044.40
Dublin	Kenneth Hester, Dublin	7,096.37	239.00	604.91	555.00	536.37	315.00	275.00		152.46	2,677.74	2,100.00	4,777.74
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	28,519.97	2,200.00	1,105.13	495.87	1,671.91	57.09	300.00	7,865.00	3,026.75	16,541.75	3,900.00	20,441.75
Galeed	Mrs. J. F. Freeman, Bladenboro	4,928.32	100.00	1,336.36	76.49	415.05	135.03	100.00		260.26	2,423.19	1,825.00	4,248.19
Hickory Grove	Leon Edge, R-1, Bladenboro	5,202.93		5.00		273.58	41.00	246.95		130.13	696.66	1,569.88	2,266.54
Lagoon	Mrs. E. B. Smith, Lagoon	621.59		57.53		34.26	76.37				168.16	251.00	419.16
Lisbon	S. W. Phillips, Council	3,615.48	145.00	565.52	259.37	209.63	139.60	284.50		109.70	1,591.87	870.00	2,583.87
Love Grove	J. M. Wilson, Tar Heel	7,865.98	285.00	657.98	1,674.47	447.79	69.23	153.96			3,288.43	1,550.00	4,838.43
Nat Moore	H. Bigford, Kelly	1,101.40		509.05		30.83	23.77			185.00	748.65	280.00	1,028.65
New Center	Mrs. Gordon Bass, Bladenboro	927.47			292.75	80.62	48.42	157.51		5.00	583.80	300.00	883.80
Northside	Clyde A. Dove, Bladenboro	4,697.76		49.50	3,628.80	242.72	34.35	75.00	37.00	350.05	4,417.42	1,790.00	6,207.42
Richardson	Mrs. Stanley Davis, R-1, Bladenboro	1 013.14		39.53		133.84	24.00	117.24		107.92	422.53	392.78	815.31
Riverside	Joe Evans, R-1, Tomahawk	3,312.00		93.22		233.18		240.00		31.00	597.40	676.25	1,273.65
Sandy Grove	A. W. Shaw, R-2, Bladenboro	5,139.22	96.00	39.51	2,534.62	186.23	247.62	309.98		132.14	3,285.92	1,488.59	4,774.51
Shady Grove	Fred Skipper, Bladenboro	5,021.50		183.73	328.83	313.48	36.17	200.00	1 760.00	131.24	3,003.45	1,200.00	4,203.45
Suggs Grove	M. K. Edge, R-5, Fayetteville	4,995.00	254.22	791.02	1,468.06	317.72	364.20	419.00		49.03	3,661.25	600.00	4,263.25
Tobermory	David Whichard, R-2, St. Pauls	1,264.70		100.00		173.00	76.10	155.71		116.00	620.81	502.54	1,123.35
West Bladenboro	Waylon Ivey, Bladenboro	4,315.30	90.00	1,478.56		202.88		145.00		70.00	2,796.44	150.00	2,946.44
Whites Creek	A. R. Regan, Jr., R-1, Clarkton	3,454.36		134.12	130.00	357.23	45.13	110.00		206.60	983.08	1,500.00	2,483.08
White Lake	Mrs. F. R. Bell, R-2, Elizabethtown	1,579.15		345.30		108.21	168.10			243.04	864.65	600.00	1,464.65
White Oak	Miss Lizzie Purdie, White Oak	10,384.70	30.00	3,183.24	5,430.24	175.16	55.27	200.00	900.00	410.79	10,384.70	1,800.00	12,184.70
Zion Hill	Robie Hester, R-2, Bladenboro	4,205.43		53.63	17.50	282.92	44.98	84.23		356.97	850.23	1,800.00	2,650.23
	TOTAL	$191,133.78	$9,929.69	$14,215.54	$106,754.33	$10,080.02	$3,769.57	$6,346.54	$11,362.00	$11,240.99	$168,371.47	$41,406.34	$213,999.12

TABLE H AND I MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES Associational Missionary Mrs. R. J. Hall Bladenboro, N. C. Box 266	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
Abbottsburg	Gerald Yarbrough, Abbottsburg,	29.87	60.00					13.92	62.46	117.00	282.25	2,704.20
Beard's Chapel	W. S. Norris, R-2, Elizabethtown	65.24	40.00	24.23				97.51	24.66		251.04	1,731.50
Bethel	F. S. Leggett, Tar Heel	50.00	50.00	60.00	78.30	112.55	31.77	75.00	60.00	50.00	567.62	11,885.90
Bladenboro, First	R. C. Bridger, Bladenboro	3,600.00	585.35	383.97	236.60	1,654.39	25.25	2,365.73	217.00	529.15	9,597.44	101,064.32
Brier Branch	Hardy Lee Jones, R-2, Elizabethtown	24.00		10.00				16.20	5.00		55.20	1,553.55
Butters	Sadler Singletary, R 1, Bladenboro	5.80			3.00			31.00	26.02	12.86	78.68	$ 835.83
Calvary	Lon R. Williams, R-2, Clarkton	40.00	20.00	10.00		41.50	5.00	53.20	20.50	12.50	202.20	873.99
Center Roads	W. D. Pait, R-2, Bladenboro	200.00	60.00	46.35				108.00	100.00		514.35	2,725.46
Clarkton	(Miss) Marilyn Meggs, Clarkton	1,360.00	173.55	114.20	107.41	121.58			100.00		1,976.74	11,645.52
Council	Mrs. Hazel Cox, Council,	245.11	71.00	94.09				200.38	50.00	72.65	733.23	4,315.13
Cypress Creek	Raymond Smith, R-1, Garland		50.00	7.31	150.95	12.88		22.30	22.00		265.54	3,319.94
Dublin, First	Mrs. D. J. McDaniel, Dublin	104.00	100.00	202.43	196.48	155.14		220.64	60.73	43.60	1,083.02	5,860.76
Elizabethtown	W. W. Woodhouse, Elizabethtown	3,000.00	450.00	204.48	161.47	588.60		630.00	338.50	481.60	6,054.65	26,496.40
Galeed	Gordon Lennon, R-1, Bladenboro	400.00	60.00	200.00	400.00	500.00		250.00	55.00		1,905.00	6,143.19
Hickory Grove	Coy Hickman, R-1, Bladenboro	848.54	18.00	32.00	26.40	213.71		1,063.07	120.92	613.75	2,936.39	5,202.93
Lagoon	Mrs. E. B. Smith, Lagoon,	10.00	25.00	30.00	6.00	8.00		25.00	15.00		119.00	538.16
Lisbon	Bradford Barber, R-1, Clarkton	150.00	50.00	8.50	15.15	13.50		50.08	50.00		337.58	2,920.90
Love Grove	W. J. Monroe, Tar Heel	103.23	85.00	63.00	72.69	186.00		776.02	229.19	102.00	1,617.13	6,455.56
Nat Moore	S. T. Squires, Kelly	9.25		11.00	32.30	4.25			12.50	15.55	84.85	1,101.40
New Center	Mrs. J. J. Ransom, Bladenboro	4.40	6.00					3.00			13.40	897.20
Northside	Dewey H. Hester, Bladenboro	235.71	25.00	9.38	11.20	21.70	7.60	54.32	3.75		368.66	6,576.08
Richardson	Stanley Davis, R-1, Bladenboro	100.00	25.00		11.50	3.00		24.50	7.10		171.10	986.41
Riverside	Joe Evans, R-1, Tomahawk	334.80	31.00	20.00	23.90	14.50	17.12	167.70	30.24		649.51	1,923.16
Sandy Grove	Nash Edwards, R-2, Bladenboro	115.59	22.42	30.00				178.65	18.05		364.71	5,139.22
Shady Grove	Douglas Thompson, R-1, Clarkton	200.00	75.00	5.00	9.00	16.75		10.00	25.00		340.75	4,544.20
Suggs Grove	Mrs. B. B. Edge, R-1, White Oak	300.00	50.00	8.00		15.00		105.75			540.75	4,804.00
Tobermory	David Whichard, R-2, St. Pauls	34.72	15.00	22.58	4.00	15.00		11.75	28.00	10.30	141.35	1,264.70
West Bladenboro	Eddie Bowen, Bladenboro	82.00	50.00	25.00	32.15	20.10	10.00	65.00	25.00	83.03	392.28	3,338.72
Whites Creek	Mrs. Willie Mae Evans, R-1, E'town	125.00	75.00		8.68	12.88		85.15	35.00		341.71	2,824.79
White Lake	Mrs. F. R. Bell, R-2, Elizabethtown	6.22	15.00	5.00		16.00		52.92	47.48		168.10	1,464.65
White Oak	Mrs. Evelyn R. Bryan, White Oak	388.73	100.00	14.00	76.47	51.53		85.00	72.00		788.53	8,223.09
Zion Hill	Kendrick Hester, Bladenboro	114.83	100.00	30.54	47.87	17.73	6.50	172.47	50.00	45.00	584.94	3,235.17
	TOTALS	$12,287.04	$2,487.32	$1,671.06	$1,711.52	$3,816.29	$ 103.24	$7,014.26	$1,911.10	$2,188.99	$33,527.70	$ 42,566.03